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SNOW WHITE




# Dictatorial Grimoire

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ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A FARAWAY LAND, THERE LIVED A BOY NAMED OTOGI GRIMM.
THANKS TO AN AGREEMENT MADE BY THE BOY'S ANCESTORS, THE BROTHERS GRIMM, THE BOY WAS HUNTED BY MÄRCHEN DEMONS WHO THIRSTED FOR HIS BLOOD.
GRIMM FACED HIS ENEMIES WITH HIS COMPANION, THE MÄRCHEN DEMON CINDERELLA, BUT...
YOU ARE NOT...
NEEDED HERE.

# Cast of Characters

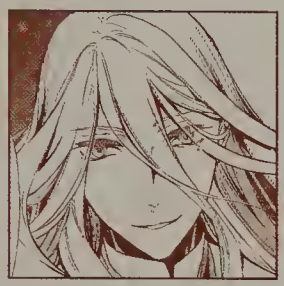


## Otogi Grimm

Our Hero. Eighth Grade student. His life is in danger because of an agreement made by his ancestors, the Brothers Grimm. A bit rude, but has a strong sense of justice.

## Cinderella

Fairy tale demon (Märchen), and the basis for the Cinderella story. A devoted servant who loves to clean, good with a sword, and extremely masochistic.





## Snow White

Märchen demon and the basis for the Snow White story. An expert in creating poisons and caring for venomous creatures. A complete narcissist.

## Hatsushiba Hiyori

Grimm's classmate. Longs for friends, but her shyness and lack of self-confidence gets in the way. Unusually strong, and has a black belt in Judo.





## Sorimachu Yuma

Grimm's classmate. Smart and very active in school, but seen as scary because of rumors from his past. His cheerful disposition masks a longing to be the hero.

## Red Riding Hood

Märchen demon and the basis for the Little Red Riding Hood story. A quiet, mysterious figure who is currently part of Puss in Boots' Team Jager.





## Puss in Boots

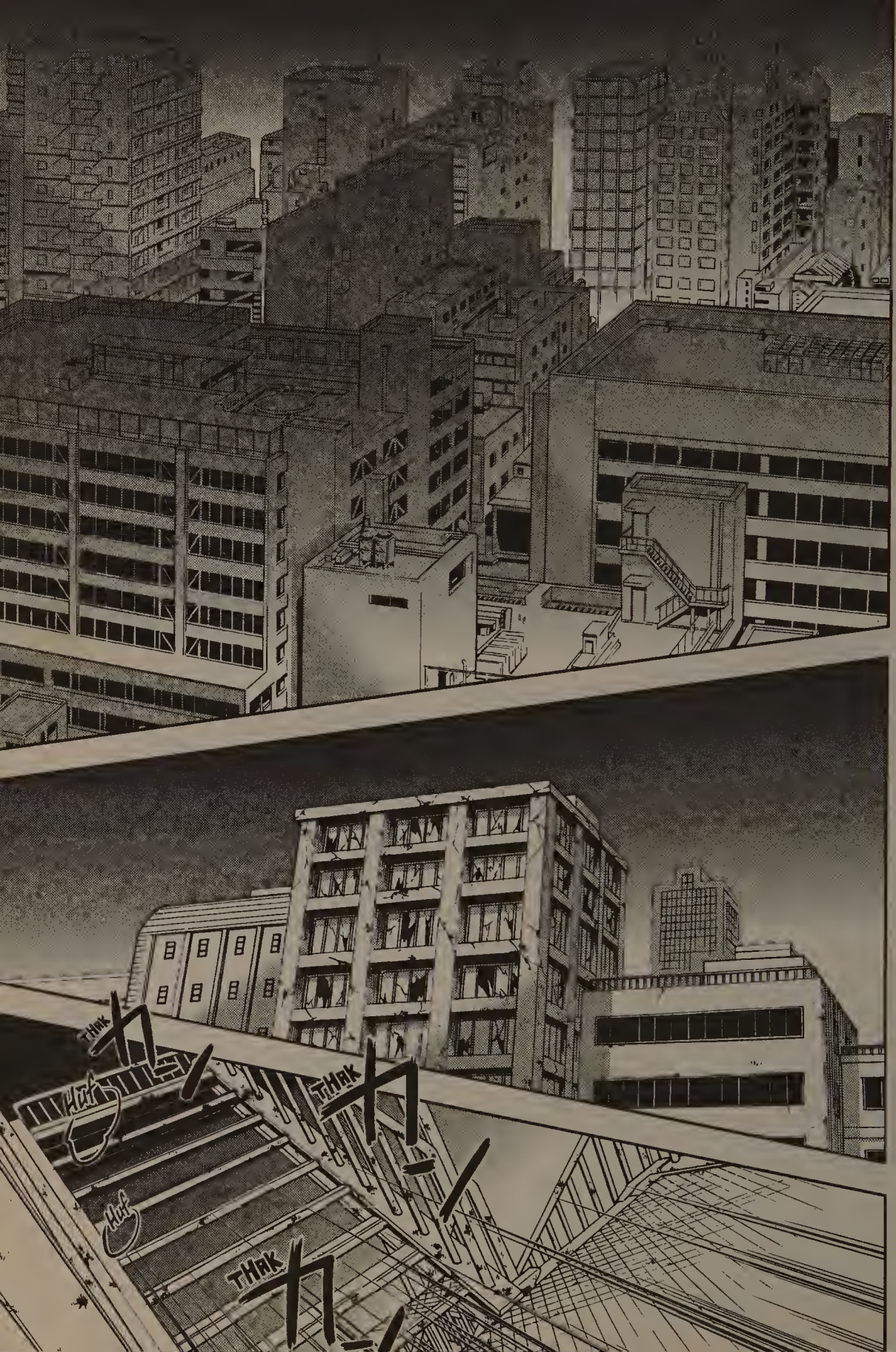
Märchen demon and the basis for the Puss in Boots story. Called "Nekota," he works as an agent, turning ordinary people into stars—and bit players into heros.

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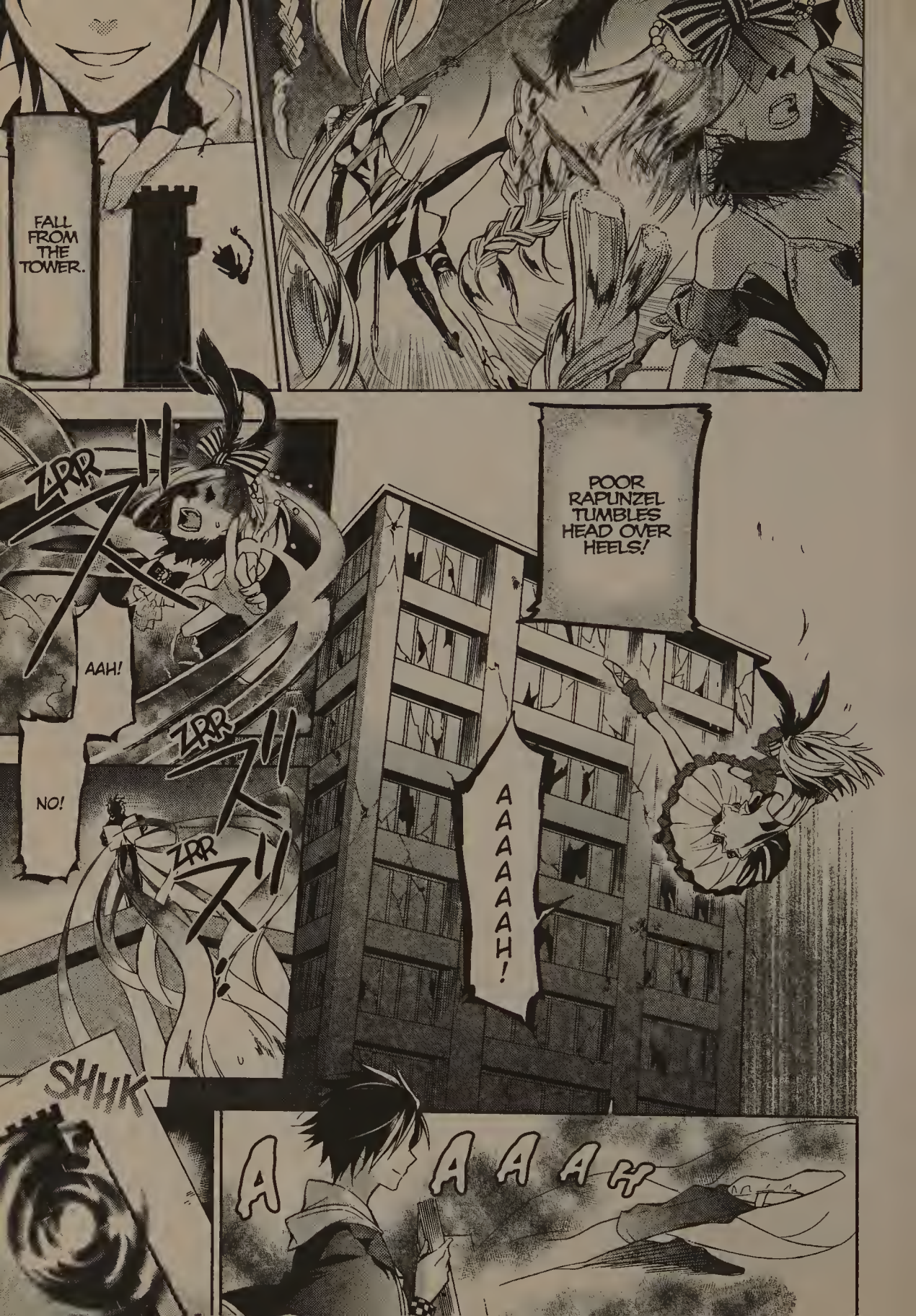
## The Story So Far

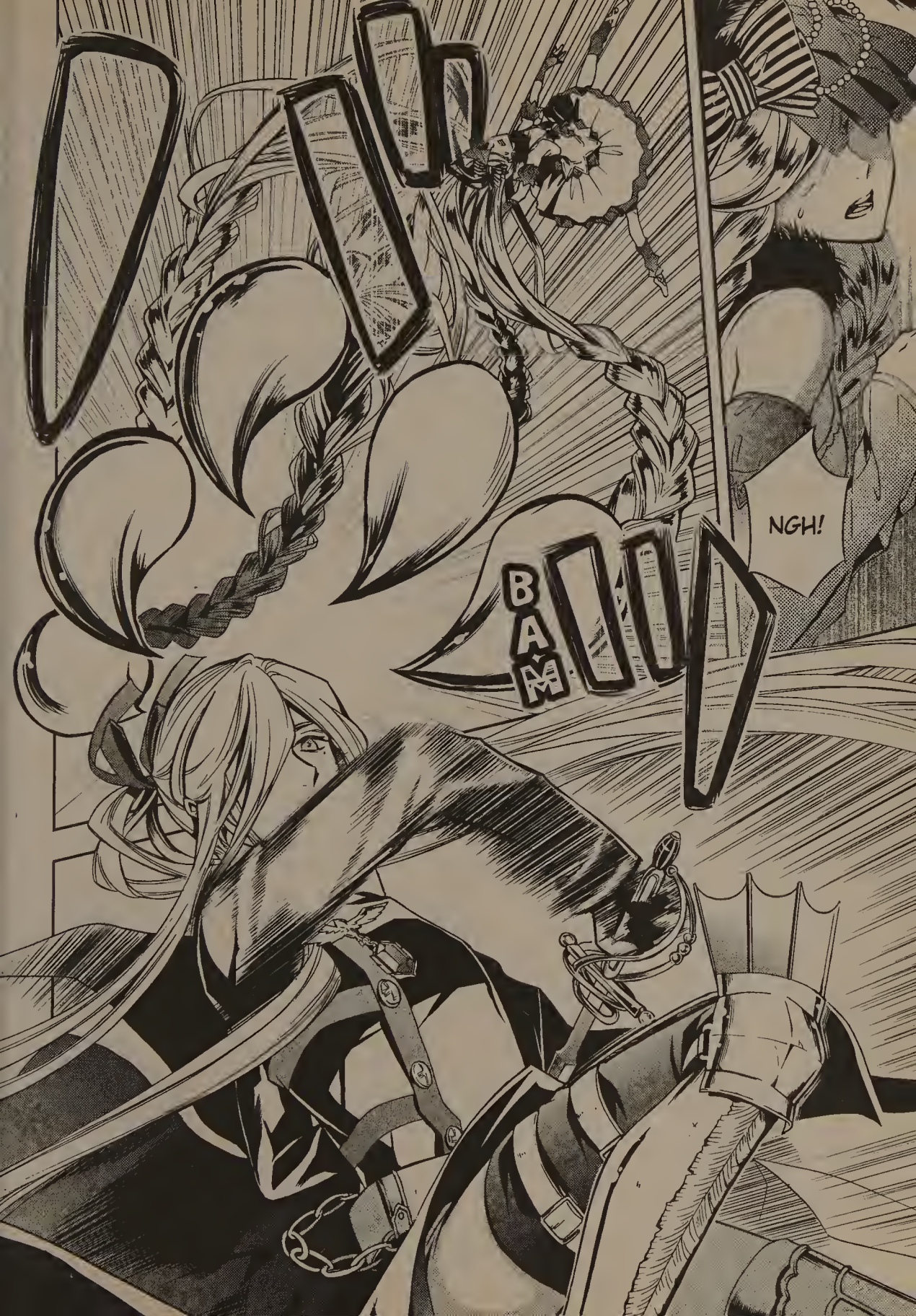
Because of an agreement made by his ancestors, the Brothers Grimm, Otogi Grimm is forced to fight for his life against the fairy tale demons (Märchen) using stories as his weapon, with the faithful Cinderella by his side. But then the star-making producer Puss in Boots gives Grimm's classmate Sorimachi the power to steal the grimoire, the original volume of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* that controls the Märchen. Even Cinderella betrays Grimm, leaving him to serve Sorimachi! How will our hero ever survive, let alone triumph?!

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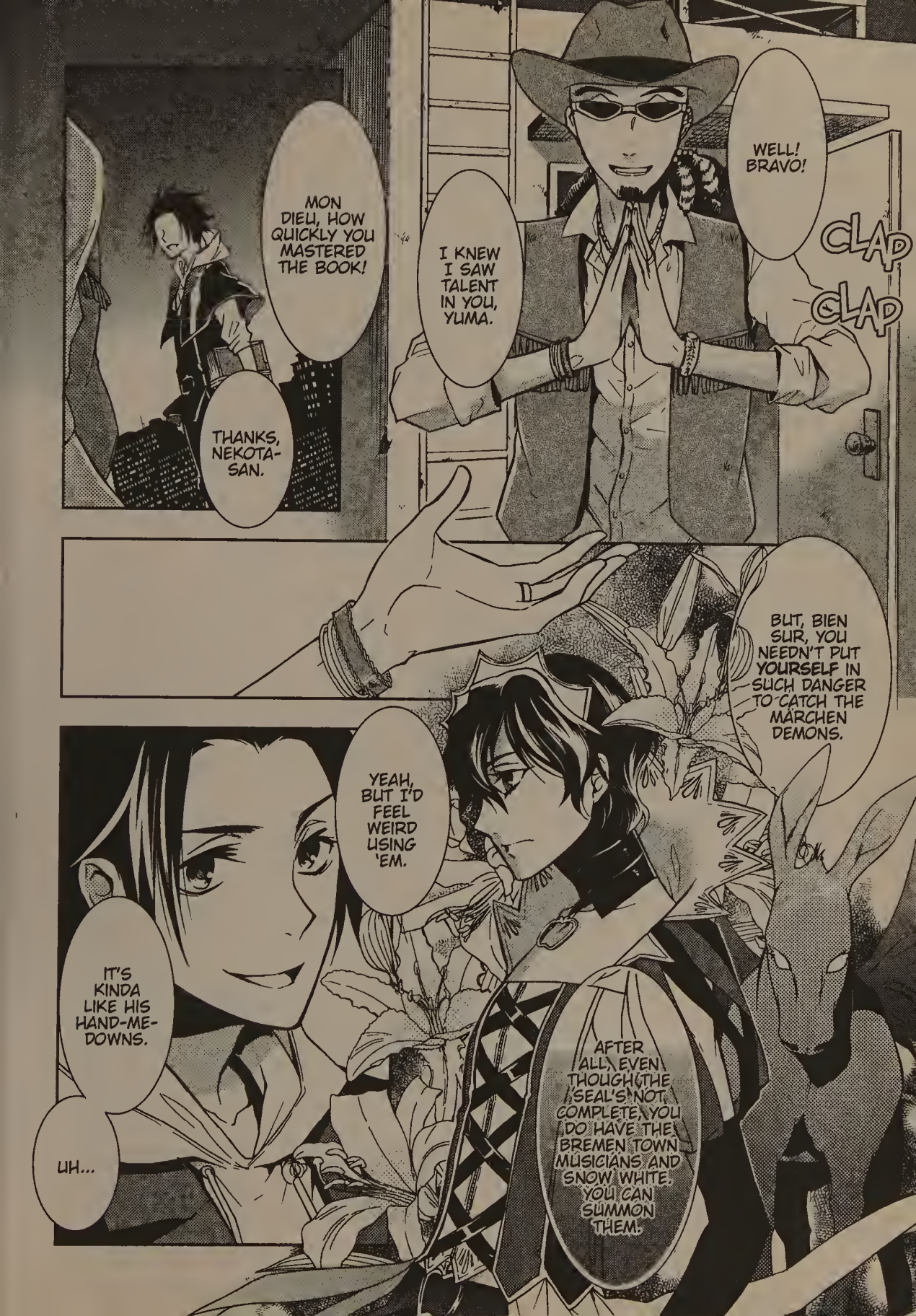

THAK
HUH
THAK
HUH
THAK


Märchen VI
Intermission


FALL FROM THE TOWER.
ZRR
AAH!
NO!
ZRR
ZRR
POOR RAPUNZEL TUMBLES HEAD OVER HEELS!
AAAAAAH!
SHHK
AAAAH


NGH!
BAM

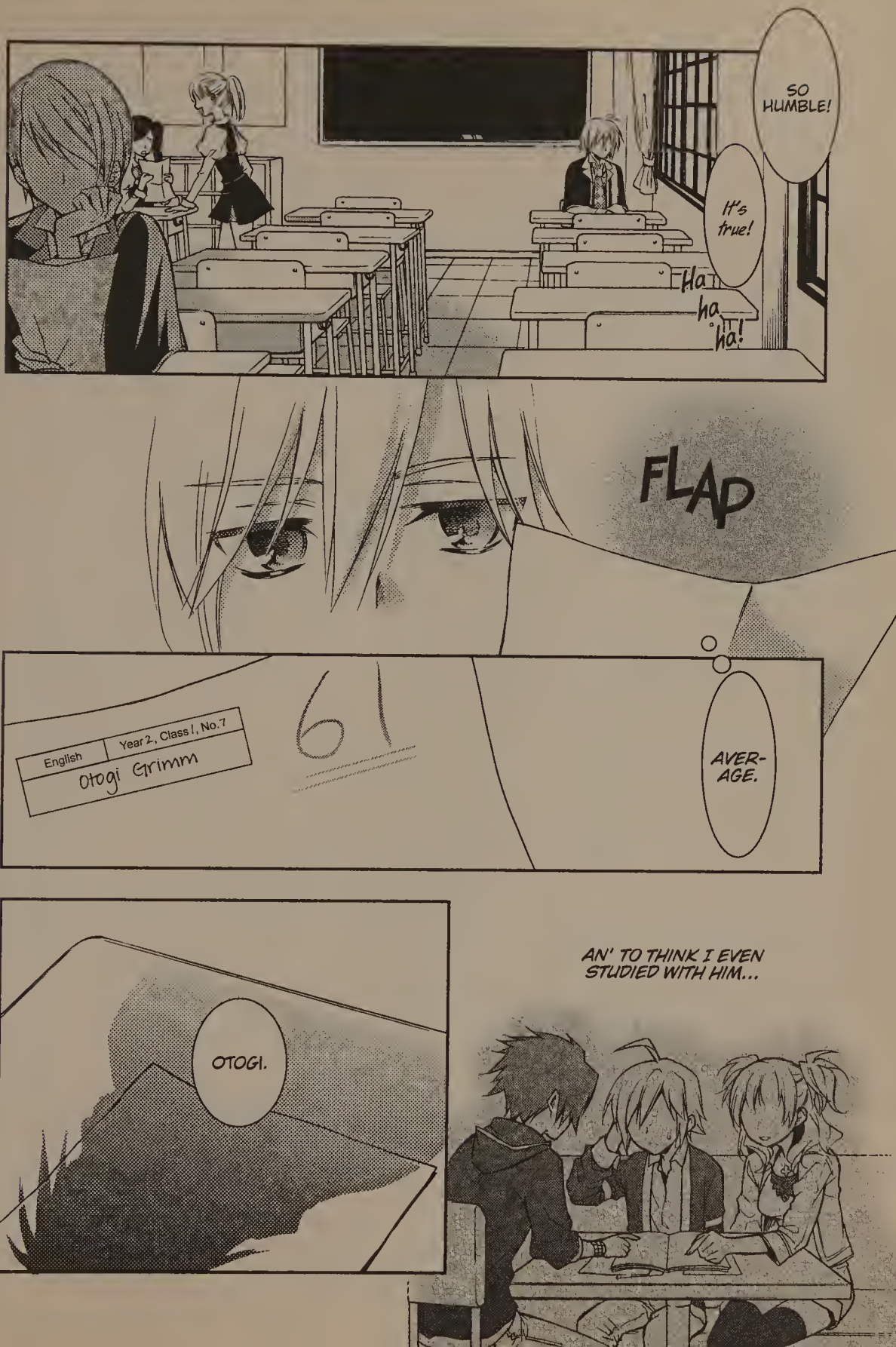

YOU MAD?
NO.
I BELONG TO YOU.
YOU MAY SAY WHATEVER YOU WISH.
I DIDN'T MEAN YOU.
CINDER-ELLA!
WHAT WAS THAT?
EXCUSEZ-LUI, EXCUSEZ! DON'T WORRY.
HE HAS QUITE A BIT ON HIS MIND, TOO.


WELL! BRAVO!
CLAP
CLAP
I KNEW I SAW TALENT IN YOU, YUMA.
MON DIEU, HOW QUICKLY YOU MASTERED THE BOOK!
THANKS, NEKOTA-SAN.
BUT, BIEN SUR, YOU NEEDN'T PUT YOURSELF IN SUCH DANGER TO CATCH THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS.
AFTER ALL, EVEN THOUGH THE SEAL'S NOT COMPLETE, YOU DO HAVE THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS AND SNOW WHITE. YOU CAN SUMMON THEM.
YEAH, BUT I'D FEEL WEIRD USING 'EM.
IT'S KINDA LIKE HIS HAND-ME-DOWNS.
UH...


SORIMACHI-KUN'S PRETTY COOL, HUH?
TOTALLY! AND FUNNY.
SMART, TOO.
AW, IT WAS NOTHING!
10
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WELL, LOOK AT THIS.
TOUGH LIFE, ISN'T IT, PROFESSOR?
COME ON! I JUST GOT LUCKY!
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Sorimachi Yuma
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QUITE A BIT, NON?
WOW-- GREAT SHOT, SORI-MACHI!!
SWOOSH

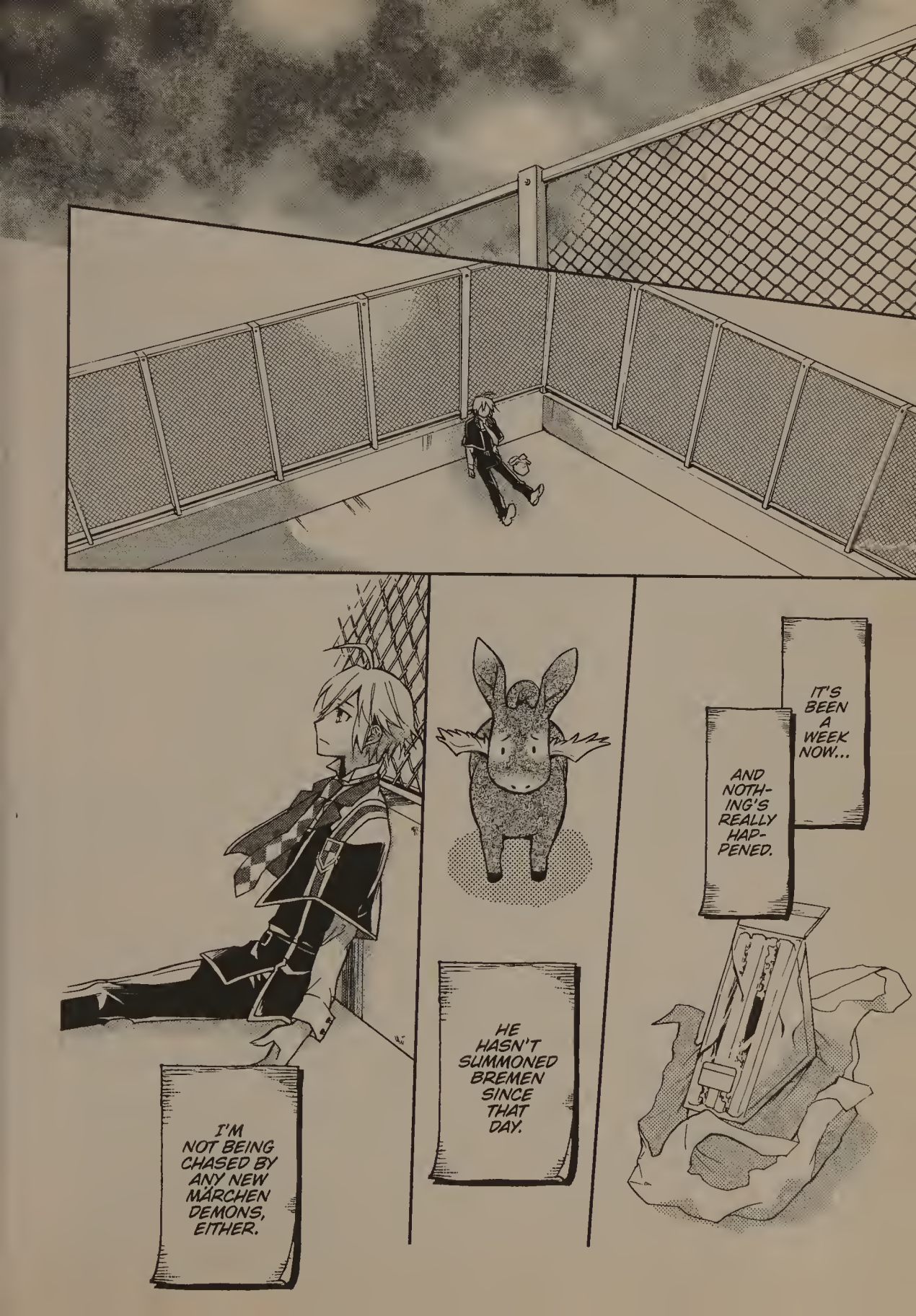

OH!
UH...
HOW'D YOU DO?
GULP
THE TEST.
SORI-MACHI, WEREN'T YOU AND OTOGI FRIENDS OR SOME-THING?
FRIENDS?
HE HAS?
HUH? OTOGI'S BEEN LIKE THAT FOR A WHILE.
WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?
RE-ALLY?
A-AVER-AGE.

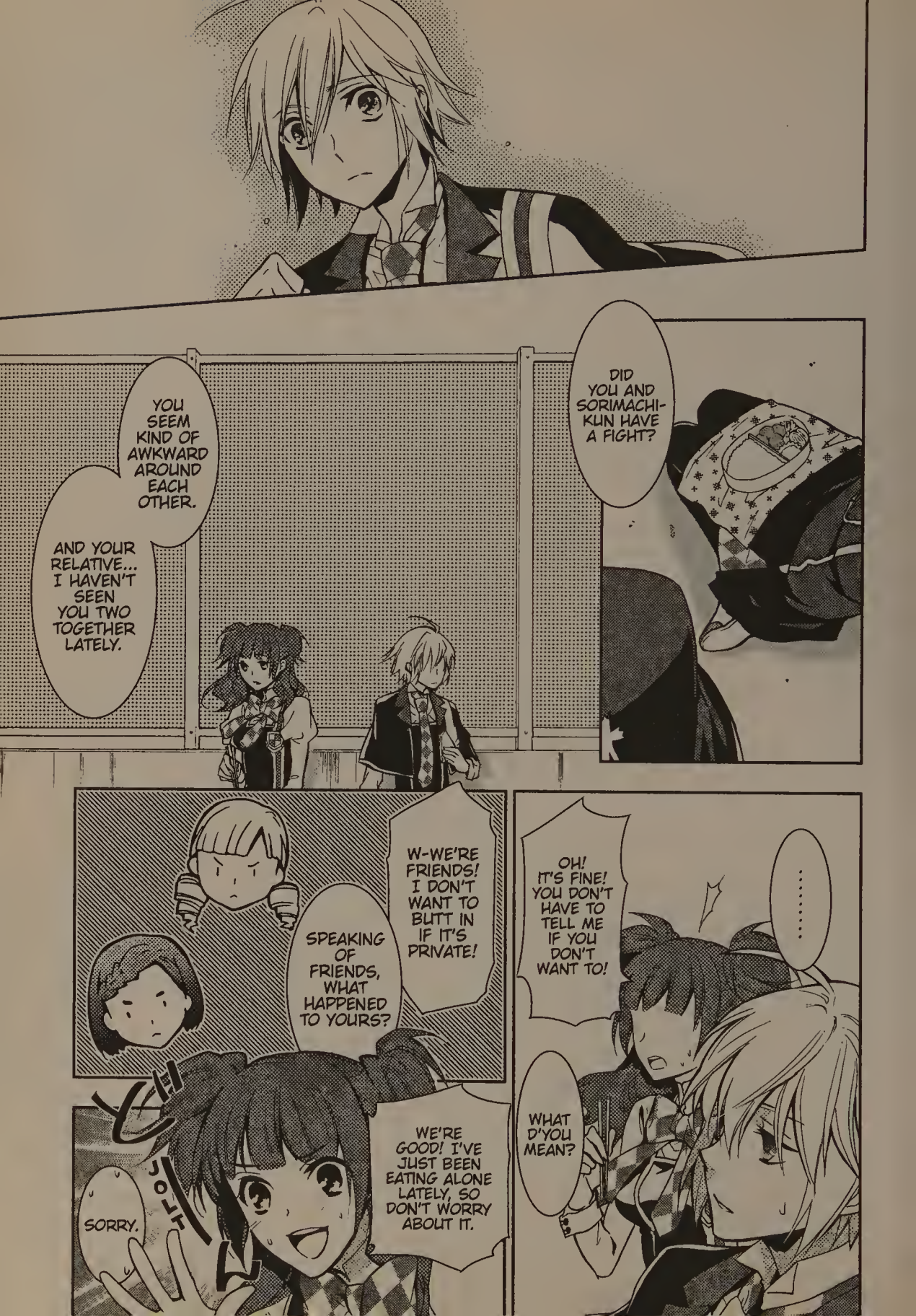

SO HUMBLE!
It's true!
Ha ha ha!
FLAP
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Otogi Grimm
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AVER-AGE.
OTOGI.
AN' TO THINK I EVEN STUDIED WITH HIM...

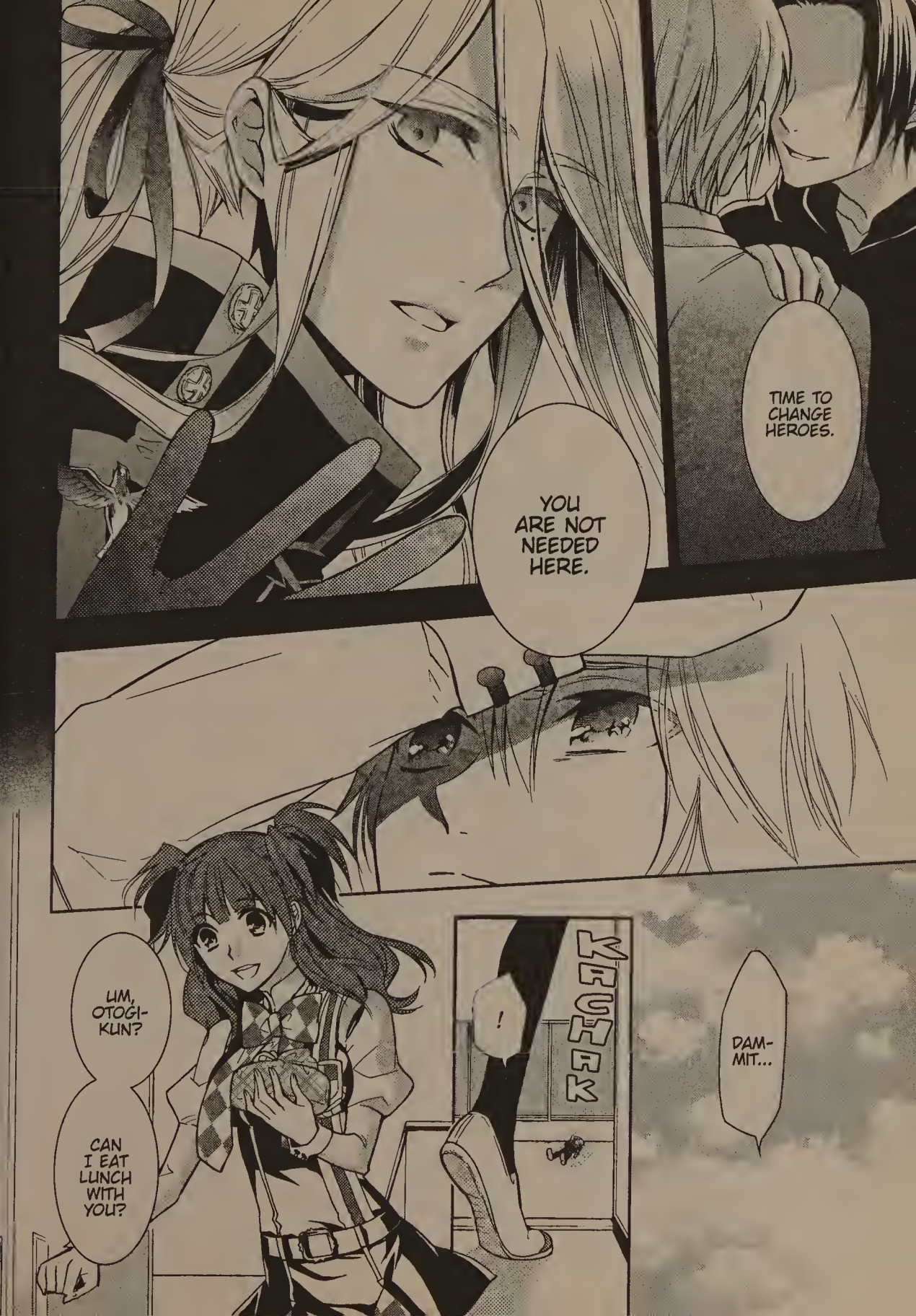

OTOGI-KU--
HATSU-SHIBA!
FRIGID
KLATTER
OH!
IT'S SO NICE OUT, WE'RE ALL GONNA EAT IN THE QUAD.
YOU COMING?

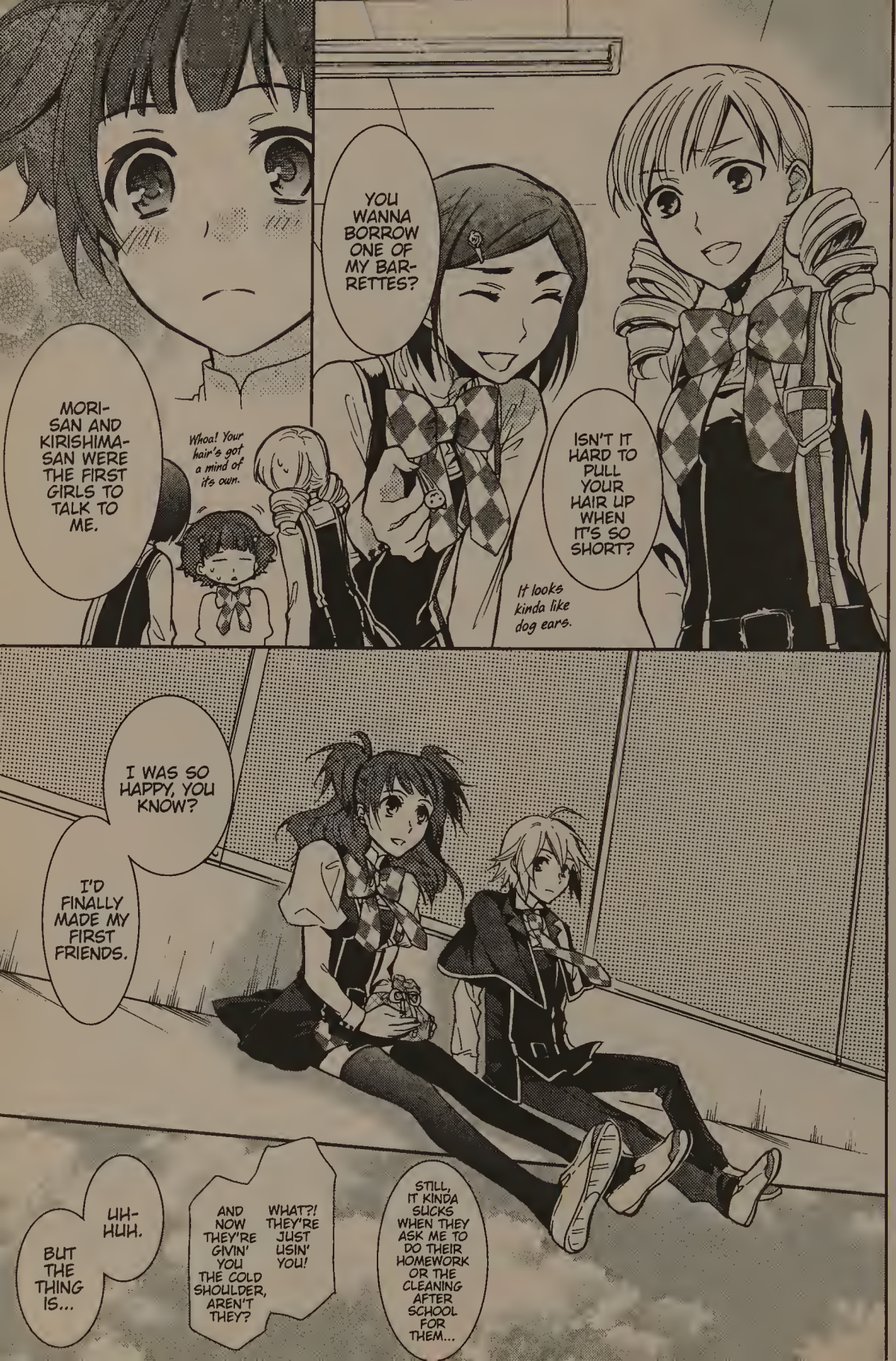

NOT REALLY.
WE DON'T REALLY HANG OUT.
CHATTER
CHATTER
CLENCH

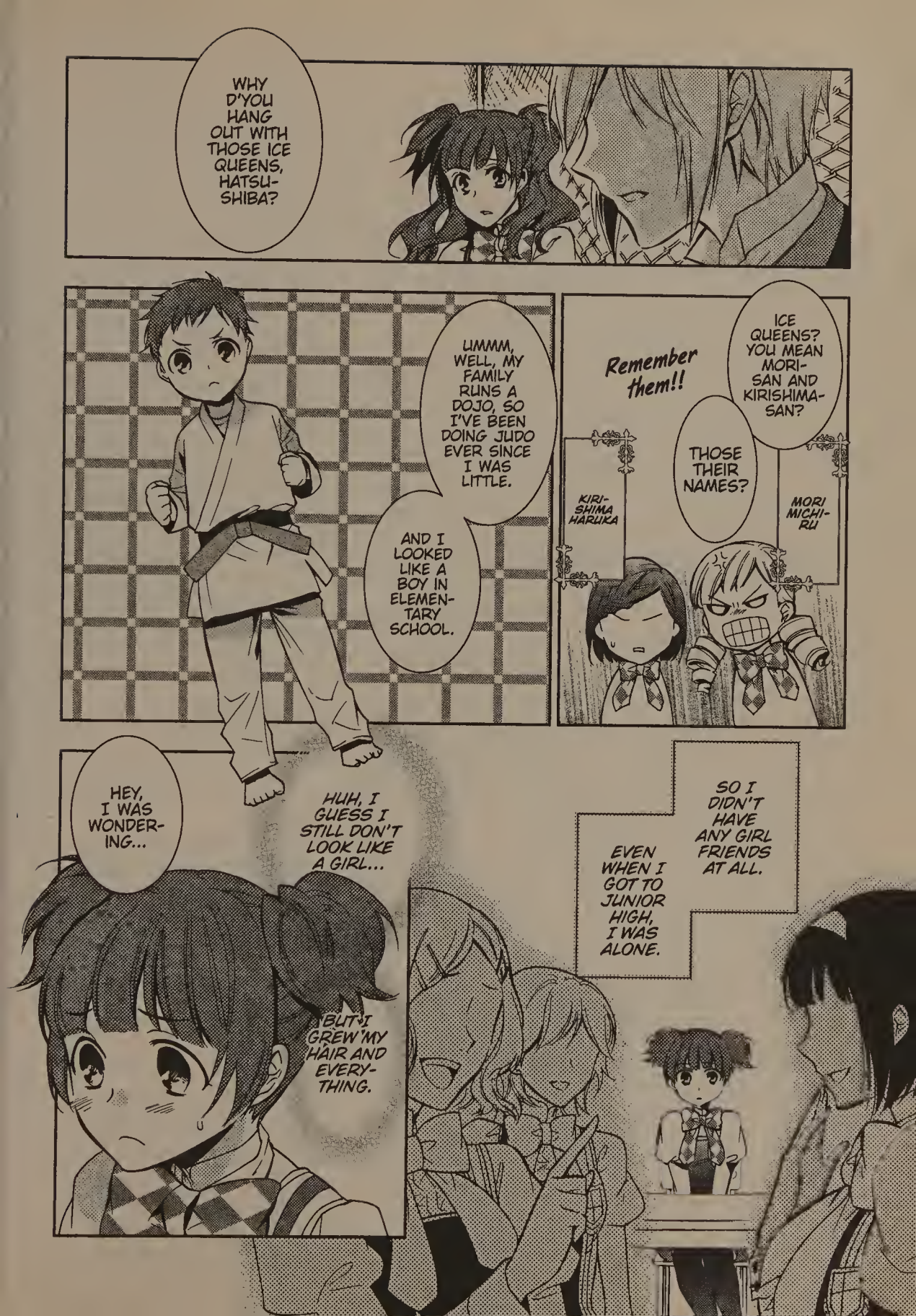

SO PUSS IN BOOTS'S PRODUCIN' POWER, OR WHATEVER IT IS, LETS SORIMACHI USE THE GRIMOIRE?
BUT HE SAID ONLY GRIMM'S DESCENDANT COULD USE THE BOOK.
OF COURSE, THAT'S ASSUMING HE EVER TOLD ME THE TRUTH...
SLUMP
WELL, I'M DONE WITH IT ALL NOW.
JERK...
THIS ISN'T SO BAD, IS IT?
AT LEAST NO ONE'S TRYIN' TO KILL ME 'CAUSE OF THAT STUPID AGREEMENT MY ANCESTORS MADE.
SEE YA, BIT PART!


IT'S BEEN A WEEK NOW...
AND NOTHING'S REALLY HAPPENED.
HE HASN'T SUMMONED BREMEN SINCE THAT DAY.
I'M NOT BEING CHASED BY ANY NEW MÄRCHEN DEMONS, EITHER.


DID YOU AND SORIMACHI-KUN HAVE A FIGHT?
YOU SEEM KIND OF AWKWARD AROUND EACH OTHER.
AND YOUR RELATIVE... I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU TWO TOGETHER LATELY.
.....
OH! IT'S FINE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!
WHAT D'YOU MEAN?
W-WE'RE FRIENDS! I DON'T WANT TO BUTT IN IF IT'S PRIVATE!
SPEAKING OF FRIENDS, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOURS?
WE'RE GOOD! I'VE JUST BEEN EATING ALONE LATELY, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
SORRY.


TIME TO CHANGE HEROES.
YOU ARE NOT NEEDED HERE.
KACHAK
!
DAM-MIT...
UM, OTOGI-KUN?
CAN I EAT LUNCH WITH YOU?


YOU WANNA BORROW ONE OF MY BARRETTES?
ISN'T IT HARD TO PULL YOUR HAIR UP WHEN IT'S SO SHORT?
It looks kinda like dog ears.
Whoa! Your hair's got a mind of it's own.
MORI-SAN AND KIRISHIMA-SAN WERE THE FIRST GIRLS TO TALK TO ME.
I WAS SO HAPPY, YOU KNOW?
I'D FINALLY MADE MY FIRST FRIENDS.
STILL, IT KINDA SUCKS WHEN THEY ASK ME TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK OR THE CLEANING AFTER SCHOOL FOR THEM...
WHAT?! THEY'RE JUST USIN' YOU!
AND NOW THEY'RE GIVIN' YOU THE COLD SHOULDER, AREN'T THEY?
UH-HUH.
BUT THE THING IS...


WHY D'YOU HANG OUT WITH THOSE ICE QUEENS, HATSU-SHIBA?
UMMM, WELL, MY FAMILY RUNS A DOJO, SO I'VE BEEN DOING JUDO EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
AND I LOOKED LIKE A BOY IN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL.
Remember them!!
ICE QUEENS? YOU MEAN MORI-SAN AND KIRISHIMA-SAN?
THOSE THEIR NAMES?
KIRI-SHIMA HARUKA
MORI MICHI-RU
HEY, I WAS WONDER-ING...
HUH, I GUESS I STILL DON'T LOOK LIKE A GIRL...
BUT I GREW MY HAIR AND EVERY-THING.
SO I DIDN'T HAVE ANY GIRL FRIENDS AT ALL.
EVEN WHEN I GOT TO JUNIOR HIGH, I WAS ALONE.


THINGS ARE NO GOOD THE WAY THEY ARE!
I'M GOING TO GET TO WORK ON MAKING UP WITH THEM!
OH... UH, GO GET 'EM.
.....
FUIIE
GLOOOOM
すうう
うーん...
I WENT TO CHEER UP OTOGI-KUN AND ALL I DID WAS TALK ABOUT MYSELF...!
D'OH!

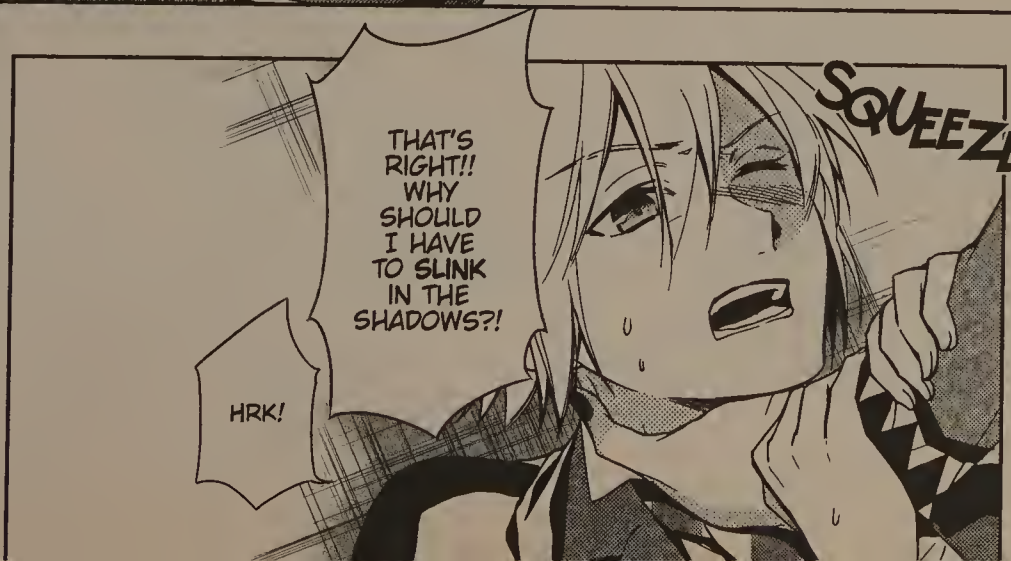

I WAS SAD BY MYSELF.
IT FELT GOOD TO HAVE FRIENDS.
AND...
I DON'T REALLY GET IT.
OKAY!
LEAP


I THOUGHT I WAS USED TO BEING ALONE, BUT...
SAD BEING BY YOURSELF, HUH?
KREEE
!
THERE YOU ARE...
GRAB


I WANT TO ASK HIM WHAT WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, BUT...
IT SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO.
I SUCK.
I CAN'T JUST ALWAYS LET OTOGI-KUN BE THE ONE DOING THE HELPING.
OOH!
HE WAS WEARING THE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM. SO I GUESS HE'S IN ONE OF THE HIGHER GRADES.
WHAT? SOMEONE THAT HOT'S AT OUR SCHOOL?
DID YOU SEE HIM? THAT GUY, RIGHT THERE?
I DID! THAT IS ONE SMOKIN' GUY!


SNOW WHITE...?!
YOU STOLE MY POWERS!!
GIVE THEM BACK!!




SQUEEZE
THAT'S RIGHT!! WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO SLINK IN THE SHADOWS?!
HRK!


I LOST THE BOOK.
SOME OTHER GUY'S GOT IT NOW.
AND CINDER-ELLA...
LEFT WITH HIM.
WHAT ?!
YOU MEAN HE ABANDONED YOU?
SO NOW YOU'RE SITTING HERE FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF?
SLAM
HYOO
SOME OTHER GUY, HUH?
WELL, THEN-- WHICH ONE OF YOU DO I KILL TO GET MY POWERS BACK?


STOPPING THE SEAL ON MY POWER HALFWAY THROUGH...
DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING ME A FAVOR?!
THANKS TO YOU, I'M STUCK LIKE THIS!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
IF I EAT YOUR HEART, I KNOW I'LL GET MY POWERS BACK...
?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOOK?
AND WHERE'S CINDER-ELLA?

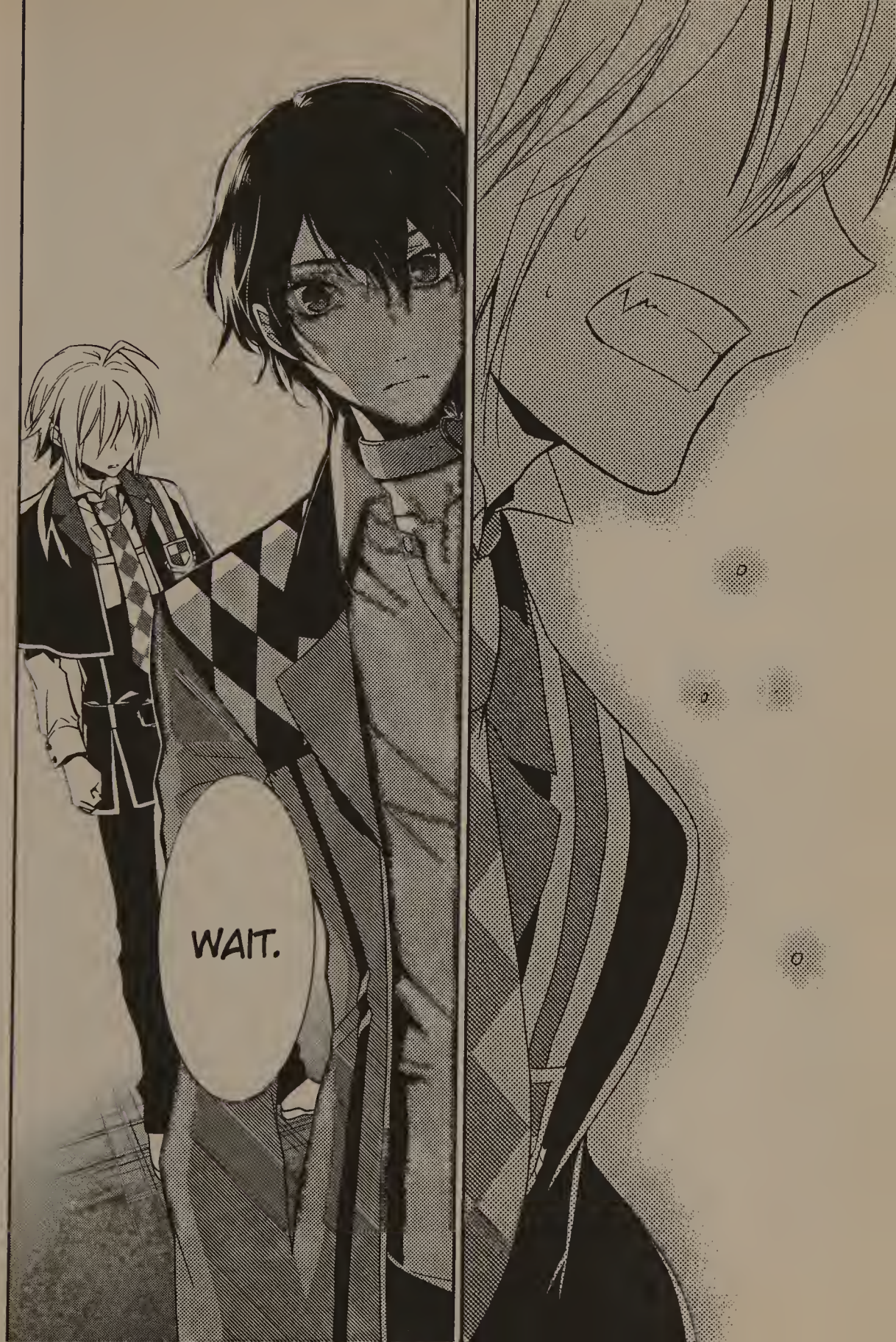

I HATE THIS.
I'M SICK OF THIS MISERY...
I'VE LOST MY POWERS.
I'M TIRED OF LIVING IN FEAR.
WOBBLE
HEY!
WHERE'RE YOU GOIN'?
TO FIND THE OWNER OF THE BOOK.

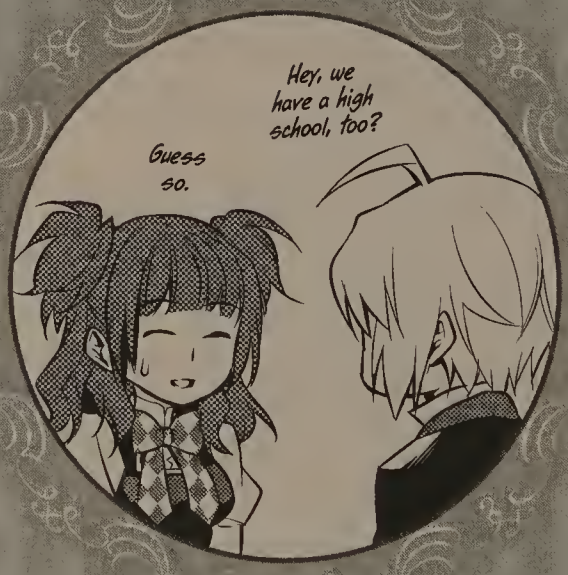

EEE!
GET AWAY FROM OTOGI-KUN!!
WAAAAAAAH!
HATSU-SHIBA!!
I'M OKAY. YOU C'N STOP.
BUT THAT'S ...!
UNH ...
DAM-MIT...


THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS.
NO ONE'S TRYIN' TO KILL ME.
NO NEED TO GO ROUND LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE.
I'M JUST AN AVER-AGE--
"BIT PART."


AN' WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WHEN YOU FIND HIM?
HE'S GOT CINDERELLA WITH HIM. WHAT CAN YOU--
SHUT UP.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, IS IT?
YOU'RE NO LONGER PART OF THIS STORY.
I'M OUT OF HERE.
YOU JUST SIT THERE AND POUT.


YOU WANT YOUR POWERS BACK, HUH?
IF I GET THAT BOOK BACK, I'LL GIVE 'EM TO YOU.
SO, HELP ME OUT.
NO...


WAIT.



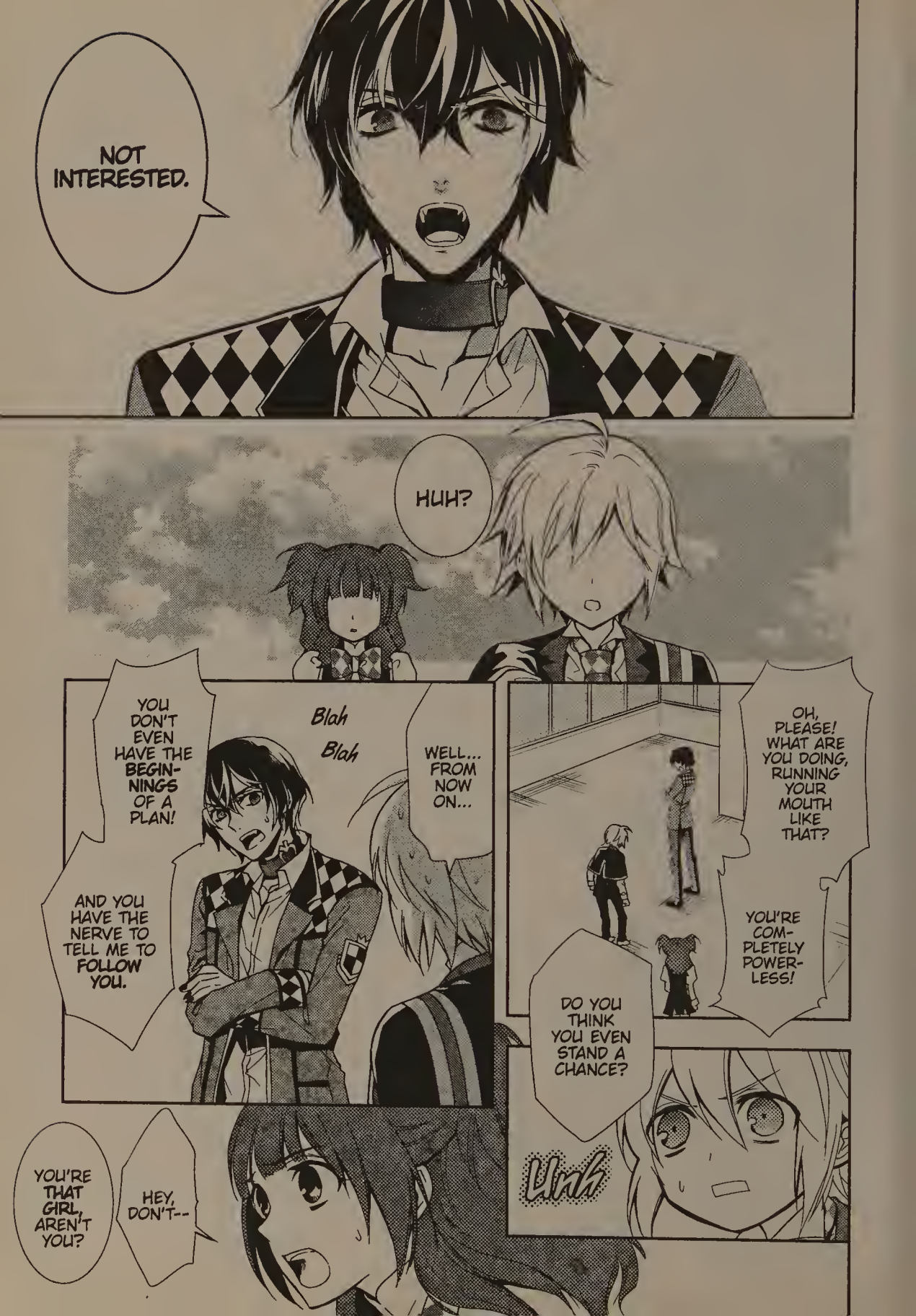

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FOLLOW ME.


YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.
I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR POWERS.
SO, HELP ME OUT.
"BIT PART"? YEAH, RIGHT.
NO...
FOLLOW ME.
I'M... THE HERO!

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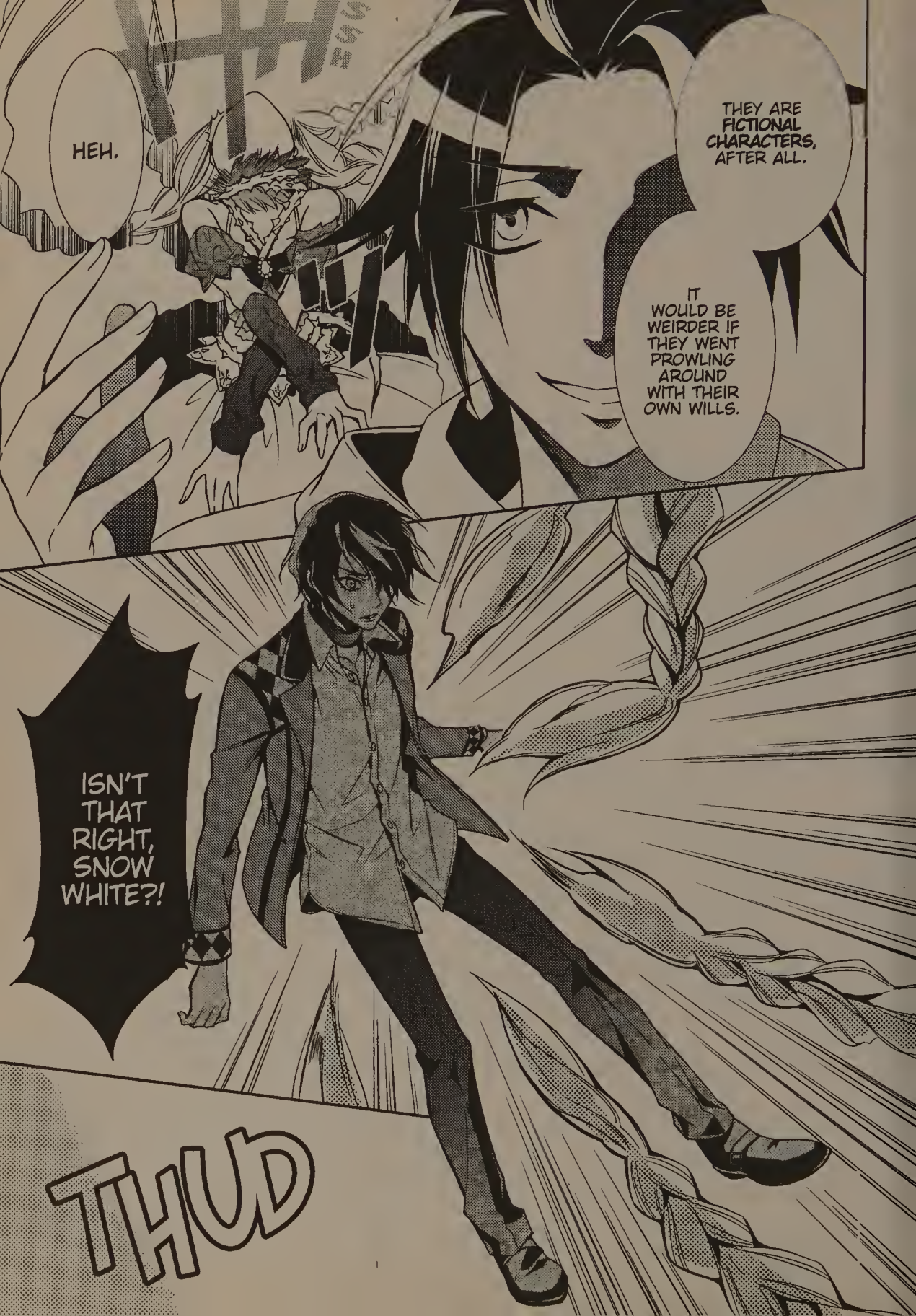


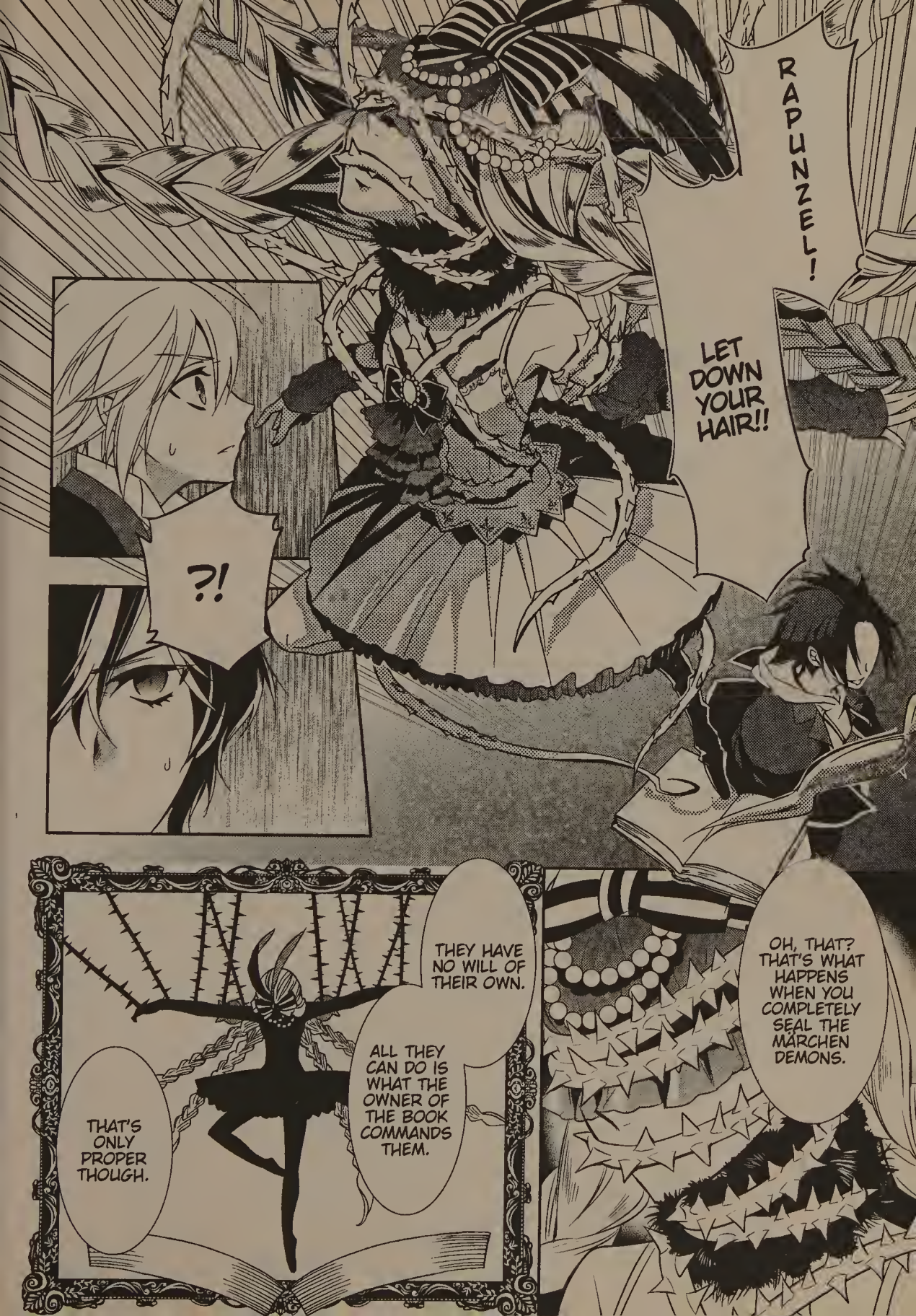

NOT INTERESTED.
HUH?
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE BEGIN-NINGS OF A PLAN!
Blah Blah
WELL... FROM NOW ON...
AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO TELL ME TO FOLLOW YOU.
OH, PLEASE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RUNNING YOUR MOUTH LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE COM-PLETELY POWER-LESS!
DO YOU THINK YOU EVEN STAND A CHANCE?
Unh
YOU'RE THAT GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
HEY, DON'T--


Märchen. VII Returning Fire


WELL, LOOKIE HERE.
ALL THE BIT PARTS IN ONE PLACE. WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE PARTY, HUH?
SORI-MACHI...
I AM.
IS THIS THE OWNER OF THE GRIMOIRE?
NOW! LET'S DANCE, OTOGI!


STAB
THE ONE WITH NO FRIENDS, RIGHT?
UGH, NO WAY. THIS FOOL THINKS HE CAN JUST SNAP HIS FINGERS AND EVERYTHING'LL FALL INTO PLACE!
WITH A PERSONALITY LIKE THAT, NO WONDER HE CAN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS.
Waaaaah
I WOULD ACTUALLY...
...SAY THE SAME THIN' TO YOU!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHOSE PERSONALITY IS SO AWFUL YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!!
Gah, I feel like I'm caught in the crossfire...
WHAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO HURT MY FEELINGS?
UNLIKE YOU HUMANS, WE DO PERFECTLY FINE ON OUR OWN!
ARRRGH!
WHAT ABOUT THAT GUY WHO CAME TO SAVE YOU? HE MUST BE A FRIEND.
RED RIDIN' HOOD.
HIM?!
DON'T BE STUPID! THAT JERK'S NO FRIEND OF MINE!!
THAT'S WHAT GETS YOU ANGRY?!


HEH.
THEY ARE FICTIONAL CHARACTERS, AFTER ALL.
IT WOULD BE WEIRDER IF THEY WENT PROWLING AROUND WITH THEIR OWN WILLS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SNOW WHITE?!
THUD

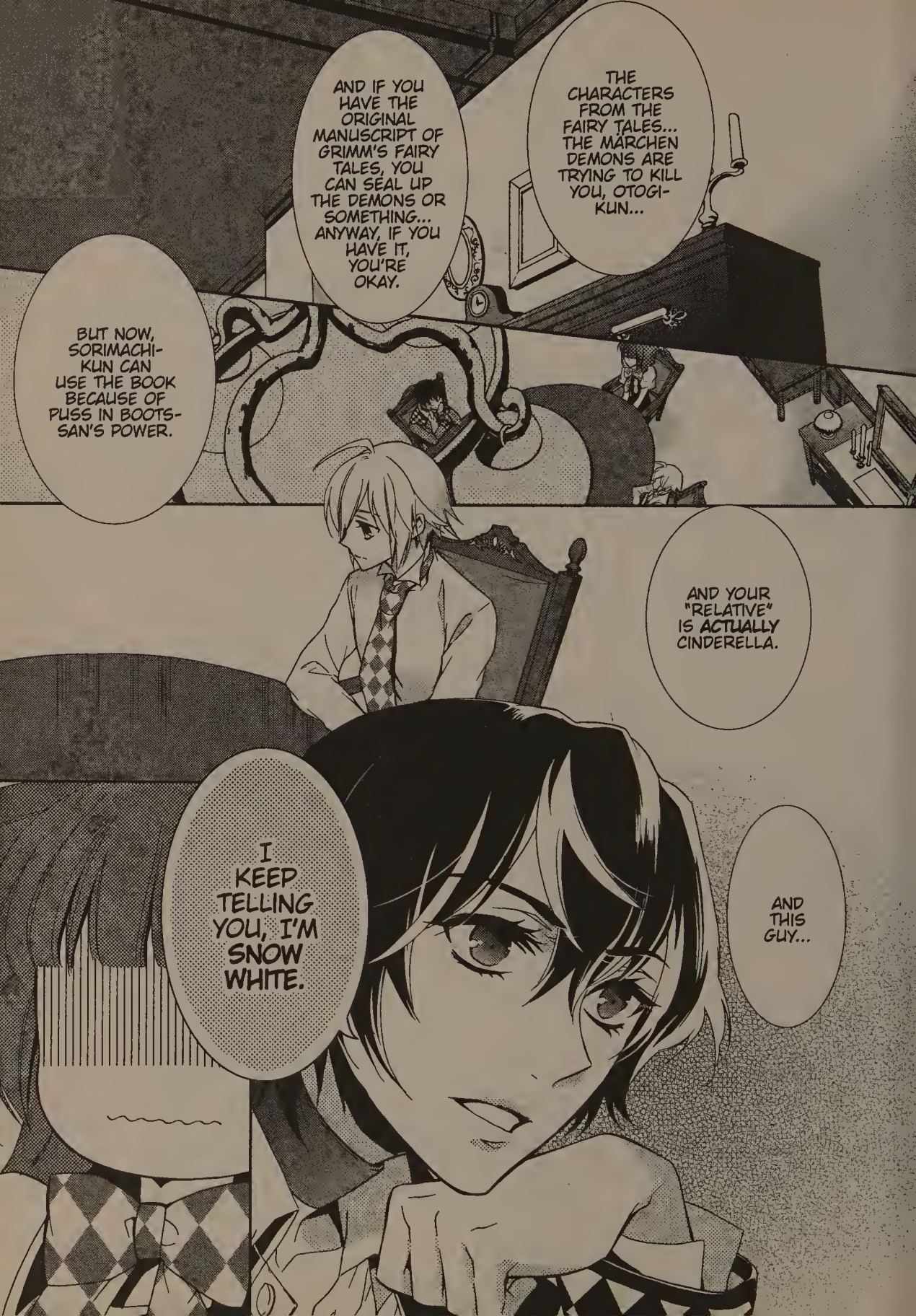

RAPUNZEL!
LET DOWN YOUR HAIR!!
?!
OH, THAT? THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU COMPLETELY SEAL THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS.
THEY HAVE NO WILL OF THEIR OWN.
ALL THEY CAN DO IS WHAT THE OWNER OF THE BOOK COMMANDS THEM.
THAT'S ONLY PROPER THOUGH.

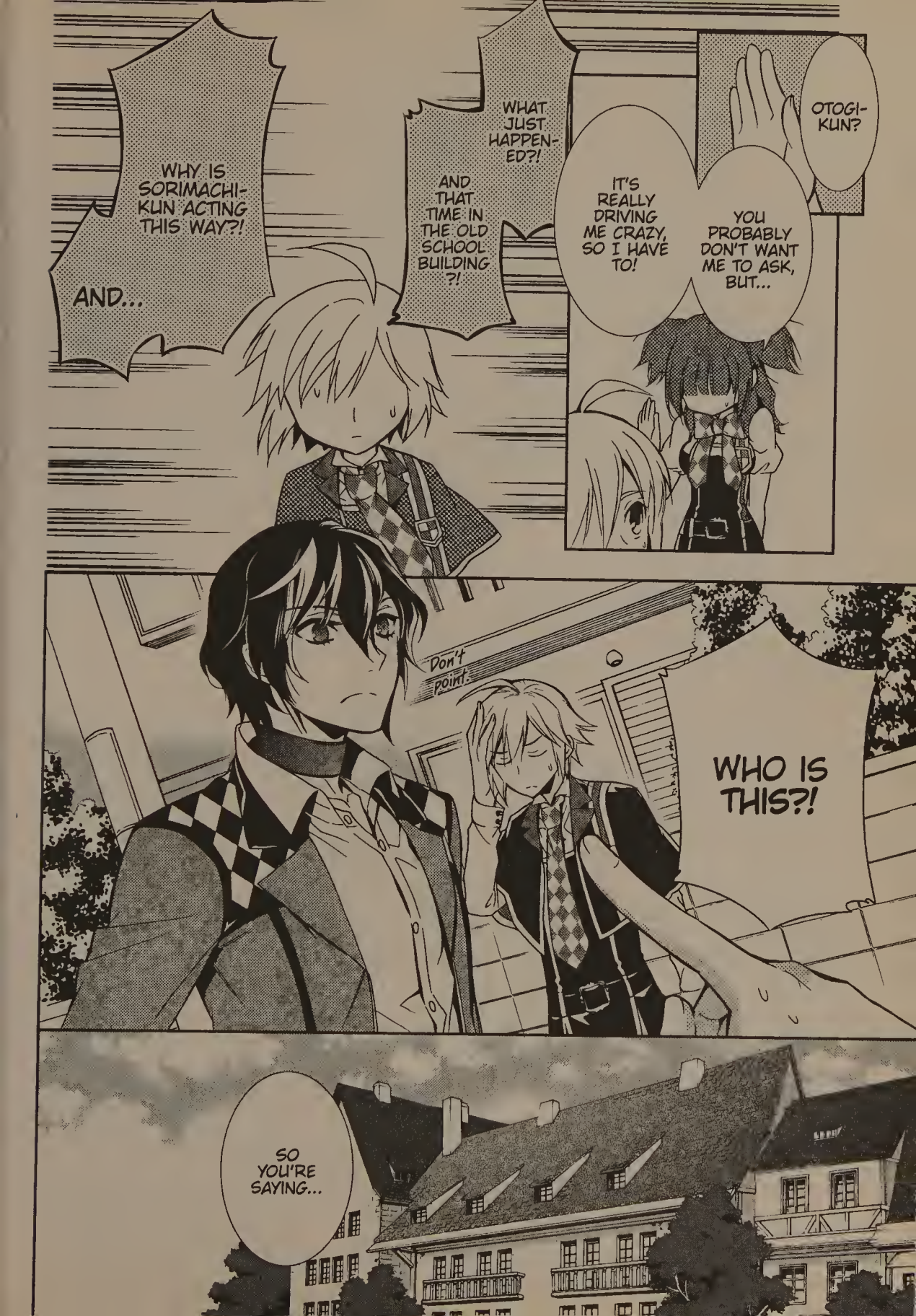

UH-UH, NO WAY! THE LOSER CHARACTER DOESN'T GET TO ESCAPE!
GRÁB
AFTER THEM, RAPUNZ--
AAAAAAAAAH!
RATTLE
RATTLE


WH--?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU IDIOT!!
YANK
DAM-MIT!
SMASH
HOW ARE W--
AAAAAAH
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!!


I COULD'VE HANDLED THAT LITTLE UPSTART MYSELF.
AND THEN YOU GO BUTTING IN...
I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP EITHER, Y'KNOW.
GAH!
YOU...!!
GUESS IT'S 'CAUSE I'M IN A BAD PLACE RIGHT NOW. I JUST KINDA MOVED WITHOUT THINKING.
SORRY FOR GETTIN' IN YOUR WAY.
I GET ALL CARRIED AWAY, EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T EVEN DO ANYTHIN'.
I'M AN IDIOT.

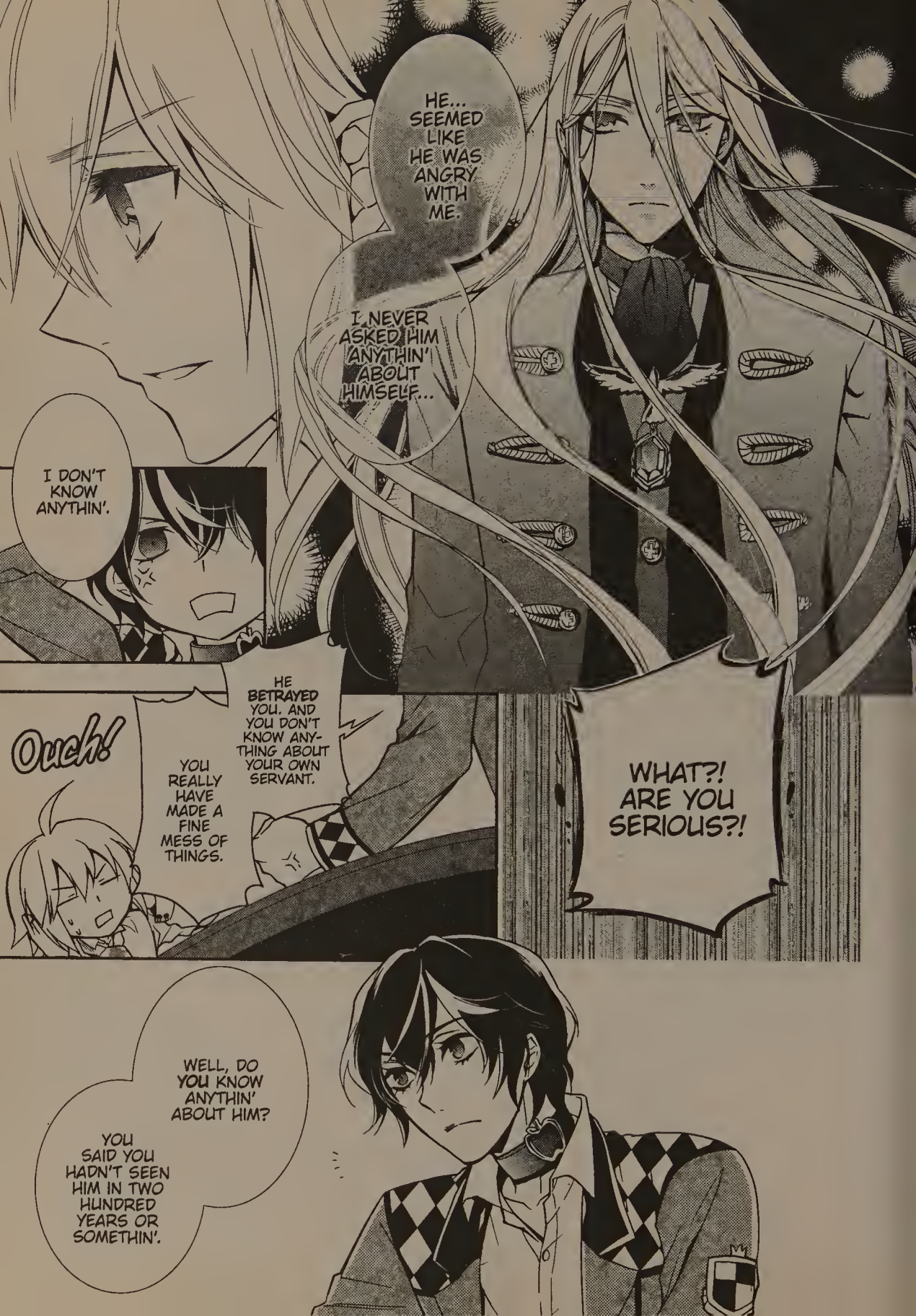

CINDERELLA...
Huf
Huf
Eeagh
I... I THOUGHT WE WERE DEAD...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S COMING AFTER US.
OTOGI-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?
NG!
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT WERE YOU PLAYING AT?! I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP!
HUH?

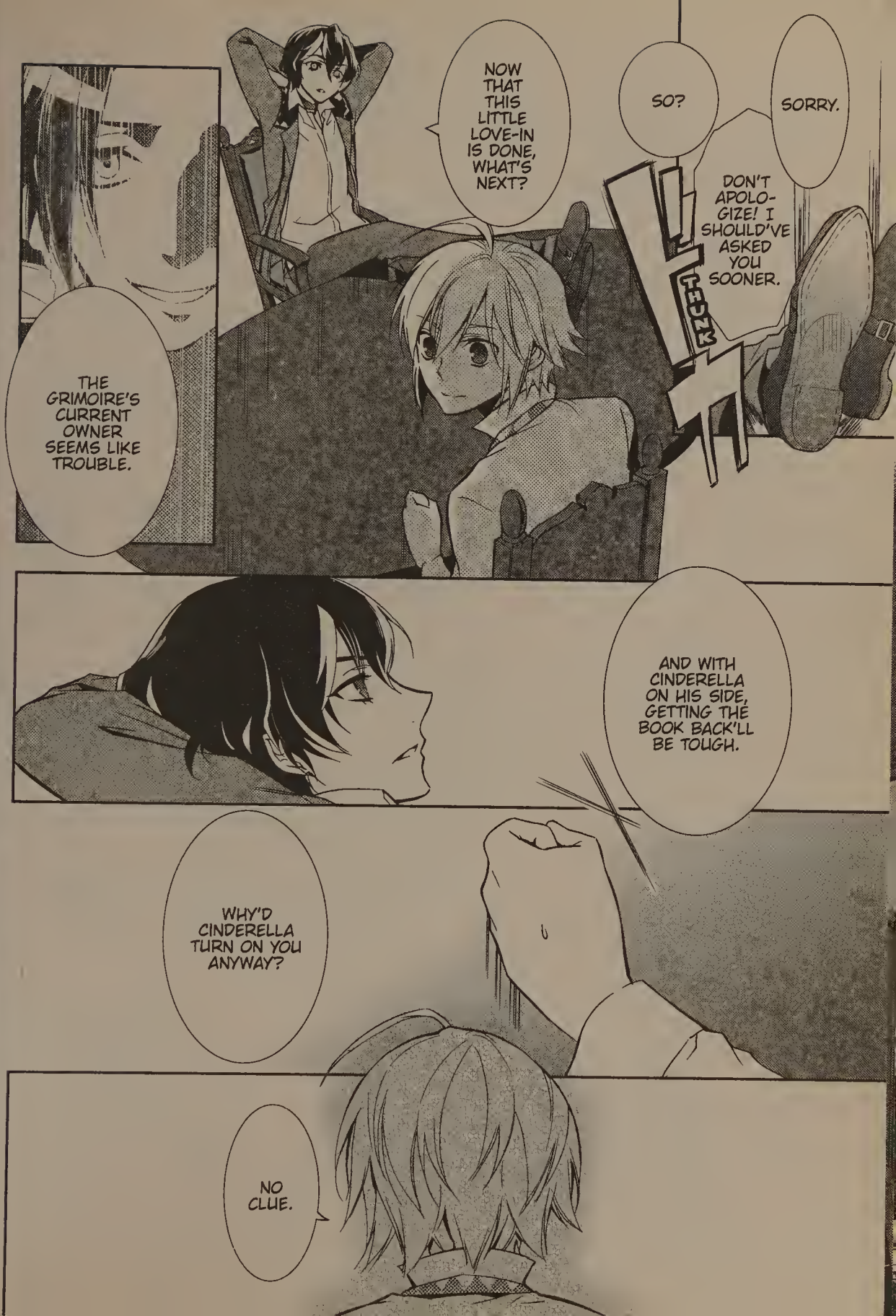

THE CHARACTERS FROM THE FAIRY TALES... THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS ARE TRYING TO KILL YOU, OTOGI-KUN...
AND IF YOU HAVE THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES, YOU CAN SEAL UP THE DEMONS OR SOMETHING... ANYWAY, IF YOU HAVE IT, YOU'RE OKAY.
BUT NOW, SORIMACHI-KUN CAN USE THE BOOK BECAUSE OF PUSS IN BOOTS-SAN'S POWER.
AND YOUR "RELATIVE" IS ACTUALLY CINDERELLA.
AND THIS GUY...
I KEEP TELLING YOU, I'M SNOW WHITE.


OTOGI-KUN?
YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT ME TO ASK, BUT...
IT'S REALLY DRIVING ME CRAZY, SO I HAVE TO!
WHAT JUST HAPPEN-ED?!
AND THAT TIME IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING ?!
WHY IS SORIMACHI-KUN ACTING THIS WAY?!
AND...
Don't point.
WHO IS THIS?!
SO YOU'RE SAYING...


HE'S SO CUTE!
THIS IS THE BREMEN TOWN MUSI-CIANS?
A hippo?
I'm a donkey!!
YOU DON'T SEEM TOO SURPRISED, HATSUSHIBA.
OH, I'M TOTALLY SUR-PRISED.
IT'S JUST THAT AFTER SNOW WHITE, THIS ISN'T SO BAD.
I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW.
ANYWAY, I'M JUST GLAD YOU TOLD ME.
YOU'RE ALWAYS HELPING ME OUT, OTOGI-KUN.
GETTING SAVED ALL THE TIME, AND BEING KEPT IN THE DARK ABOUT IT...
IT WAS KINDA LONELY.


NO WAY!! I WON'T ACCEPT YOU AS SNOW WHITE!!
TCH
WHAT?! I AM GOING TO POISON THIS GIRL!!
WHY ARE YOU A GUY?!
SHUT UP! YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE STORIES EXACTLY THE WAY THEY'RE WRITTEN! DUMMY!!
Aah, this conversation is giving me déjà vu.
BREMEN.
I DO NOT BITE!!
AND WHAT'S WITH "SNOW"?!
USE MY PROPER NAME! I'M A PRINCESS!!
YOU'RE A DUDE.
DOESN'T MATTER! I'M A PRINCESS BECAUSE I'M BEAUTIFUL!
TUK TUK
OOH!
C'MERE. CAREFUL, DON'T LET SNOW BITE YOU.

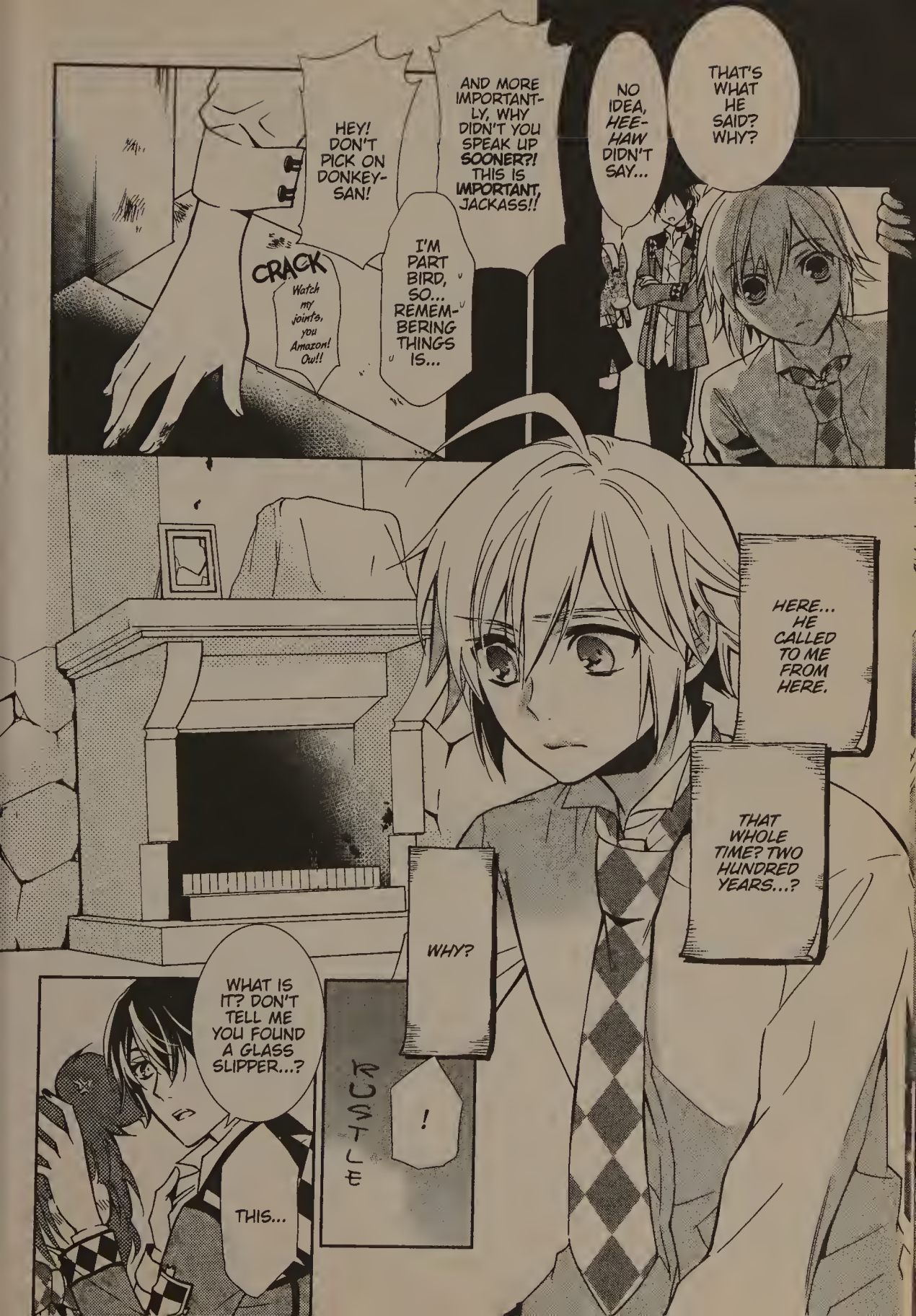

HE... SEEMED LIKE HE WAS ANGRY WITH ME.
I NEVER ASKED HIM ANYTHIN' ABOUT HIMSELF...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHIN'.
WHAT?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
HE BETRAYED YOU. AND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR OWN SERVANT.
YOU REALLY HAVE MADE A FINE MESS OF THINGS.
Ouch!
WELL, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHIN' ABOUT HIM?
YOU SAID YOU HADN'T SEEN HIM IN TWO HUNDRED YEARS OR SOMETHIN'.


NOW THAT THIS LITTLE LOVE-IN IS DONE, WHAT'S NEXT?
SO?
SORRY.
DON'T APOLO-GIZE! I SHOULD'VE ASKED YOU SOONER.
HUH
THE GRIMOIRE'S CURRENT OWNER SEEMS LIKE TROUBLE.
AND WITH CINDERELLA ON HIS SIDE, GETTING THE BOOK BACK'LL BE TOUGH.
WHY'D CINDERELLA TURN ON YOU ANYWAY?
NO CLUE.


SILENCE
OH!
WHAT IS CINDERELLA AFTER?
WHY DOES THAT SORIMACHI KID WANT THE BOOK?
AND WHY IS PUSS IN BOOTS HELPING HIM?
LOOK IN THE HEARTH?
GRIMM!
CINDERELLA TOLD MEOW SOMETHING ONCE!
Chirp!

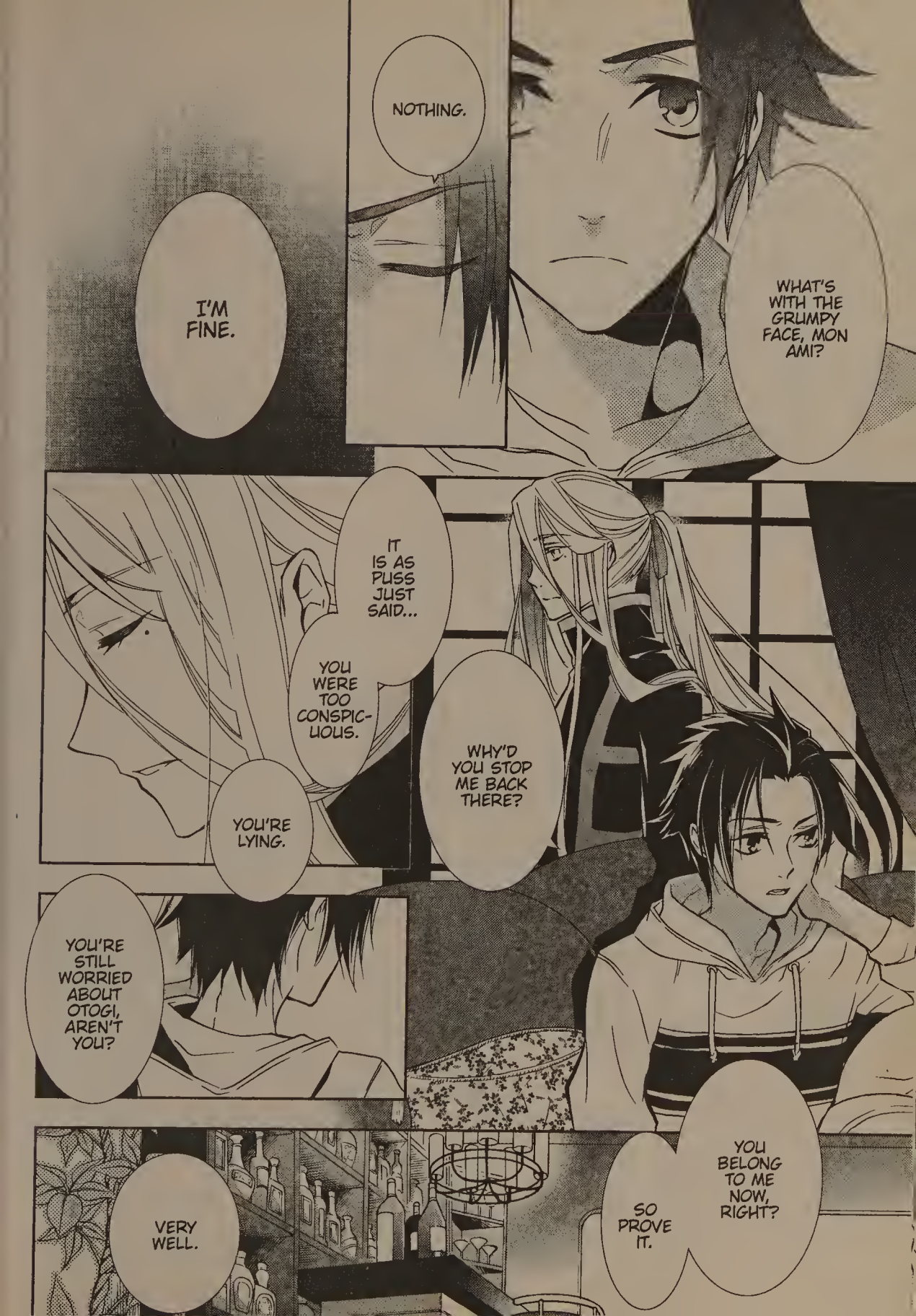

"THINK VERY CAREFULLY ABOUT WHO YOU CHOOSE TO STAND WITH YOU."
NO, I'D NEVER SEEN CINDERELLA BEFORE THAT DAY.
HE... RED RIDING HOOD SEEMED TO KNOW SOMETHING, BUT...
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT CINDERELLA HAS SOME ESPECIALLY STRONG POWERS...
AND YET, NO ONE HAD SEEN ANY SIGN OF HIM FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS.
AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, NONE OF IT MAKES SENSE. WHY WOULD HE SERVE THE DESCENDANT OF GRIMM...
THE PERSON WE WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO KILL? AND AS IF THAT ISN'T STRANGE ENOUGH, HE BETRAYS YOU AND GOES OFF TO SERVE SOME OTHER KID.

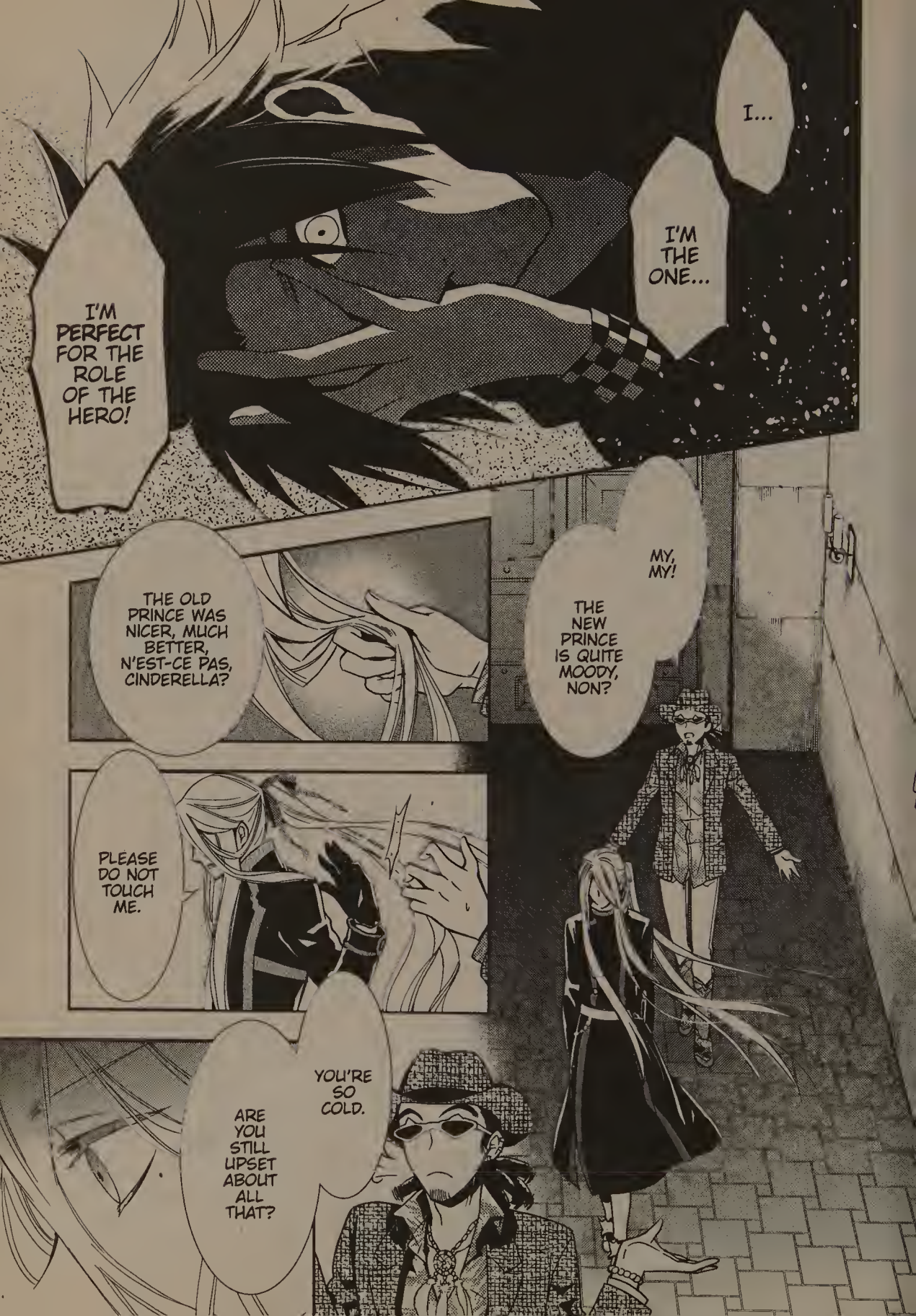

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FROM THE GRI-MOIRE...
THE CINDERELLA PAGE...?!
YUMA!
AND OTOGI GRIMM AND SNOW WHITE AREN'T ANY REAL THREAT.
AFTER ALL, THE BOOK AND THE POWER BELONG TO YOU NOW, NON?
THAT SCENE BEFORE, UN PEU DANGER-EUX.
USING THE BOOK AT SCHOOL IS A BAD IDEA. YOU STAND OUT TOO MUCH.


THAT'S WHAT HE SAID? WHY?
NO IDEA, HEE-HAW DIDN'T SAY...
AND MORE IMPORTANT-LY, WHY DIDN'T YOU SPEAK UP SOONER?! THIS IS IMPORTANT, JACKASS!!
HEY! DON'T PICK ON DONKEY-SAN!
I'M PART BIRD, SO... REMEM-BERING THINGS IS...
CRACK
Watch my joints, you Amazon! Ow!!
HERE... HE CALLED TO ME FROM HERE.
THAT WHOLE TIME? TWO HUNDRED YEARS...?
WHY?
RUSTLE
!
WHAT IS IT? DON'T TELL ME YOU FOUND A GLASS SLIPPER...?
THIS...

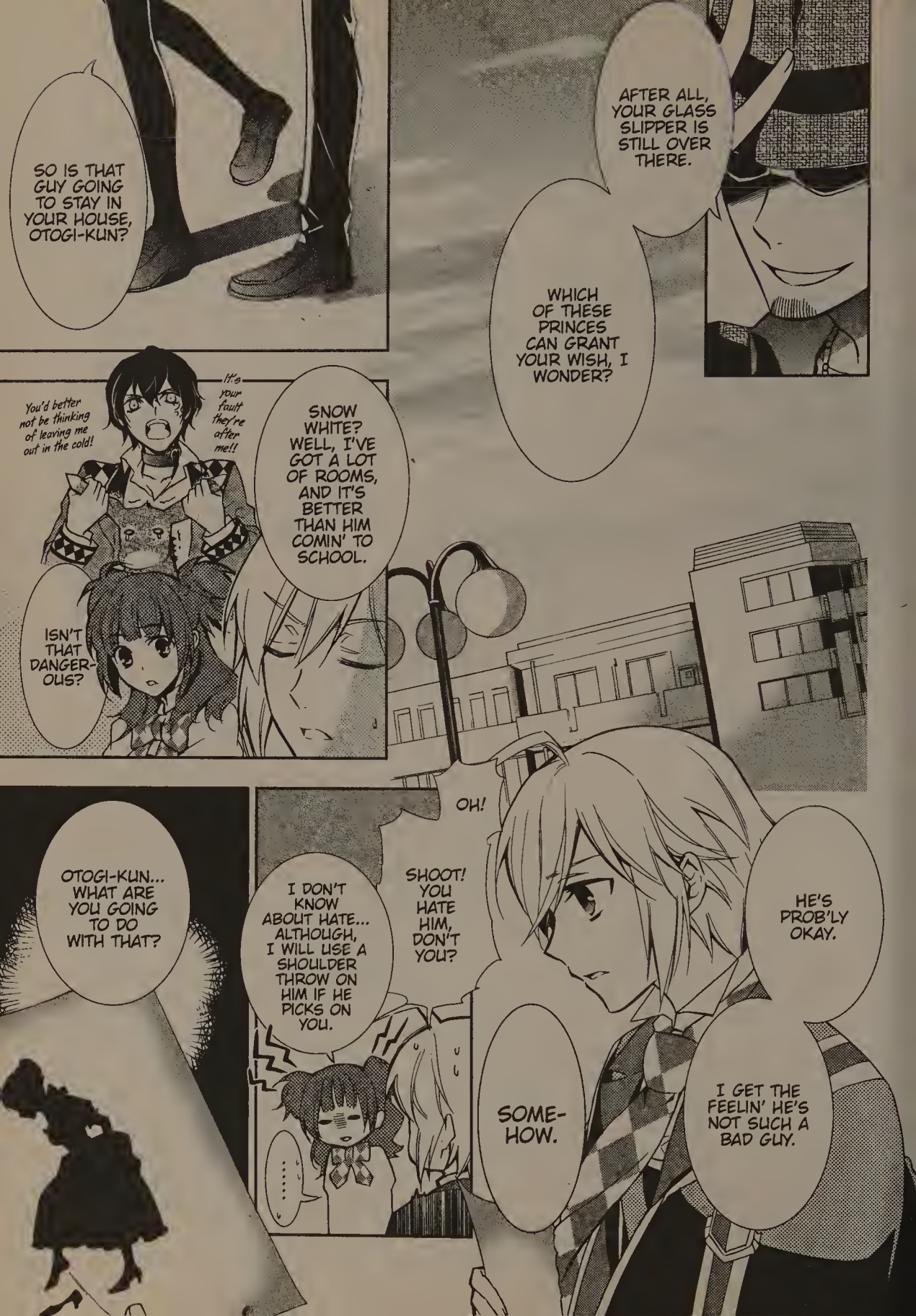


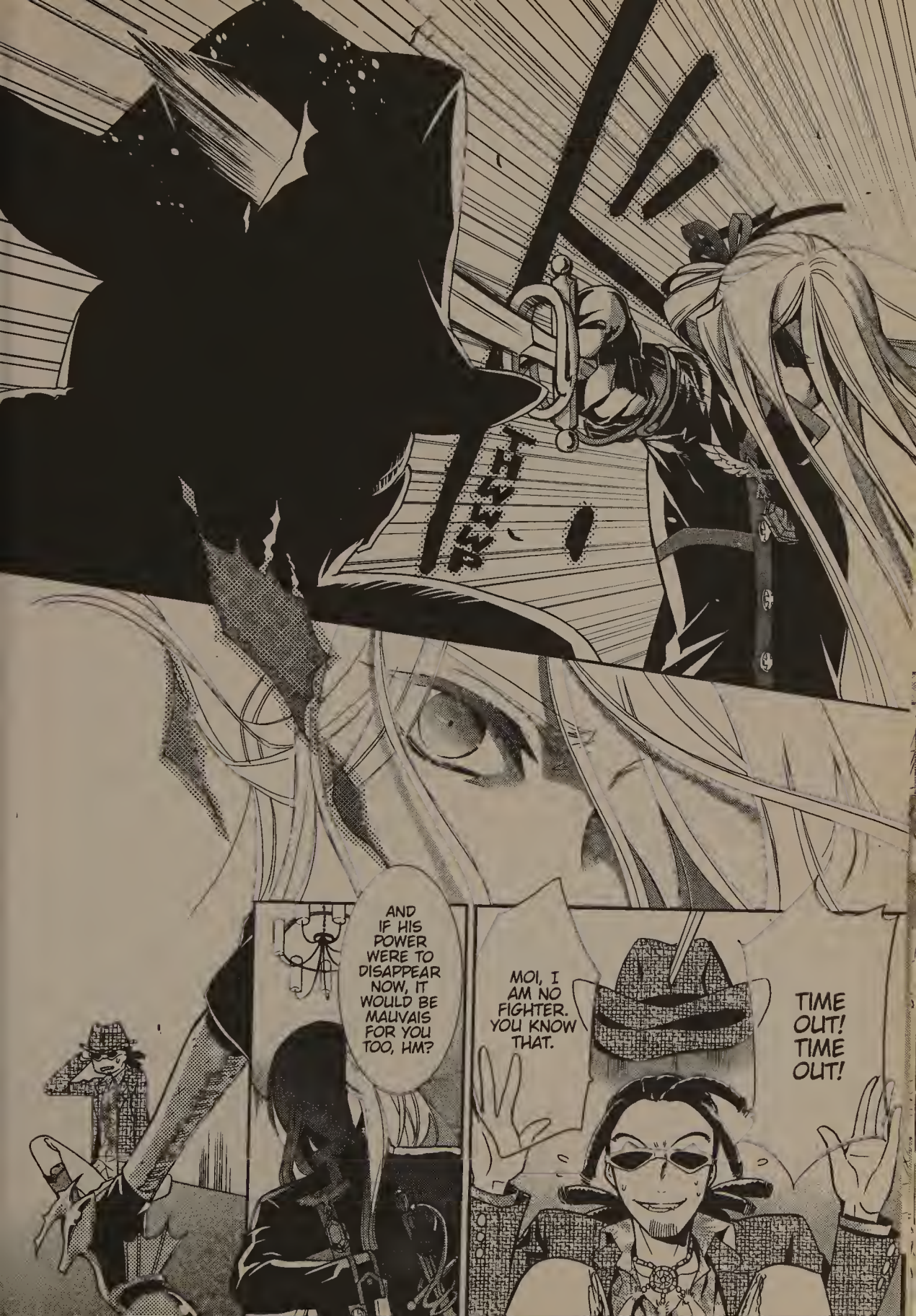

*König is the German word for "king."

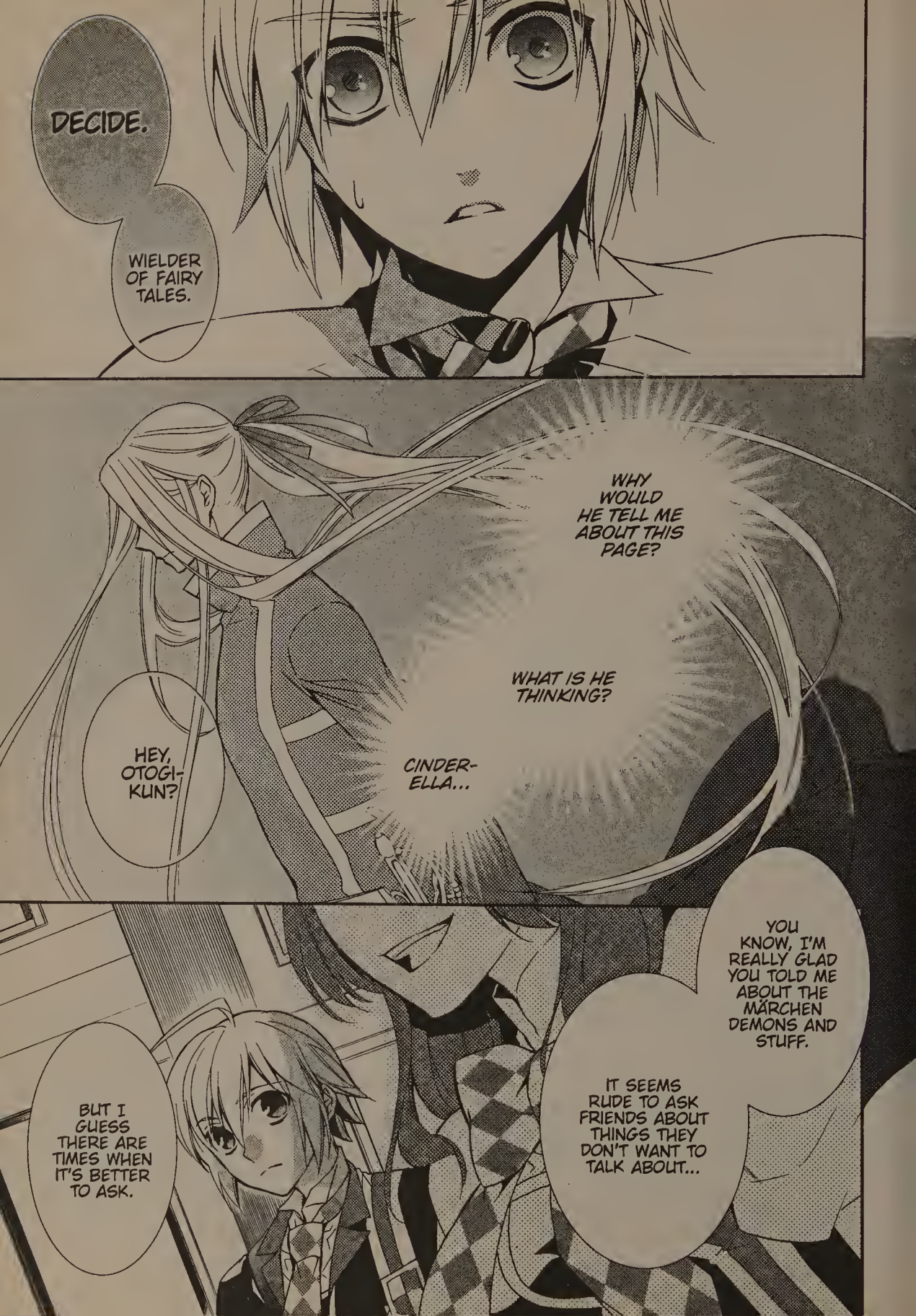

NOTHING.
I'M FINE.
WHAT'S WITH THE GRUMPY FACE, MON AMI?
IT IS AS PUSS JUST SAID...
YOU WERE TOO CONSPIC-UOUS.
YOU'RE LYING.
WHY'D YOU STOP ME BACK THERE?
YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT OTOGI, AREN'T YOU?
VERY WELL.
SO PROVE IT.
YOU BELONG TO ME NOW, RIGHT?


I...
I'M THE ONE...
I'M PERFECT FOR THE ROLE OF THE HERO!
MY, MY!
THE NEW PRINCE IS QUITE MOODY, NON?
THE OLD PRINCE WAS NICER, MUCH BETTER, N'EST-CE PAS, CINDERELLA?
PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH ME.
YOU'RE SO COLD.
ARE YOU STILL UPSET ABOUT ALL THAT?


YANK
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE?
I DO NOT.
SHOCK
GET OUT!
AND STAY OUT OF MY SIGHT!
WHAM
WHY...
WHY ARE THEY RALLYING AROUND THAT BRAT!..?


SO IS THAT GUY GOING TO STAY IN YOUR HOUSE, OTOGI-KUN?
AFTER ALL, YOUR GLASS SLIPPER IS STILL OVER THERE.
WHICH OF THESE PRINCES CAN GRANT YOUR WISH, I WONDER?
You'd better not be thinking of leaving me out in the cold!
It's your fault they're after me!!
SNOW WHITE? WELL, I'VE GOT A LOT OF ROOMS, AND IT'S BETTER THAN HIM COMIN' TO SCHOOL.
ISN'T THAT DANGER-OUS?
OH!
SHOOT! YOU HATE HIM, DON'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HATE... ALTHOUGH, I WILL USE A SHOULDER THROW ON HIM IF HE PICKS ON YOU.
OTOGI-KUN... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?
HE'S PROB'LY OKAY.
I GET THE FEELIN' HE'S NOT SUCH A BAD GUY.
SOME-HOW.

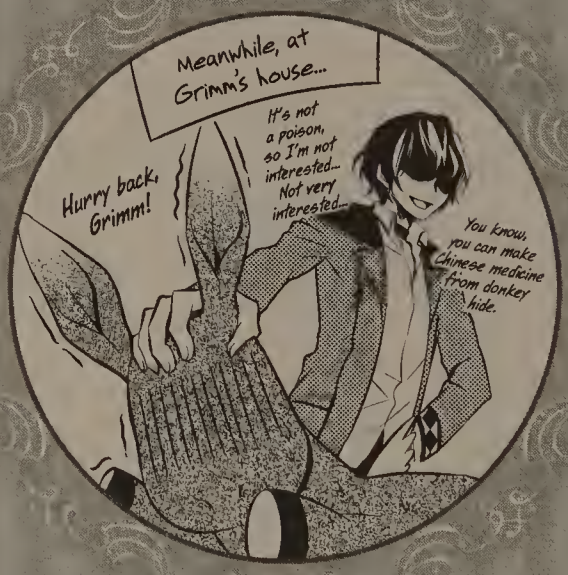

AND IF HIS POWER WERE TO DISAPPEAR NOW, IT WOULD BE MAUVAIS FOR YOU TOO, HM?
MOI, I AM NO FIGHTER. YOU KNOW THAT.
TIME OUT! TIME OUT!


DECIDE.
WIELDER OF FAIRY TALES.
WHY WOULD HE TELL ME ABOUT THIS PAGE?
WHAT IS HE THINKING?
CINDER-ELLA...
HEY, OTOGI-KUN?
YOU KNOW, I'M REALLY GLAD YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS AND STUFF.
IT SEEMS RUDE TO ASK FRIENDS ABOUT THINGS THEY DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT...
BUT I GUESS THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT'S BETTER TO ASK.


FINALLY, AN ADVANTAGE! THAT'S A WEAPON.
SEAL CINDERELLA UP.
ARE YOU GOING TO SEAL CINDERELLA IN THE BOOK?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING SOFT ON HIM!
GRAB
I DON'T --!
YOU WANT TO GET THE BOOK BACK, DON'T YOU?
WHERE'S YOUR SWAGGER NOW, ALL THAT "FOLLOW ME" NONSENSE?

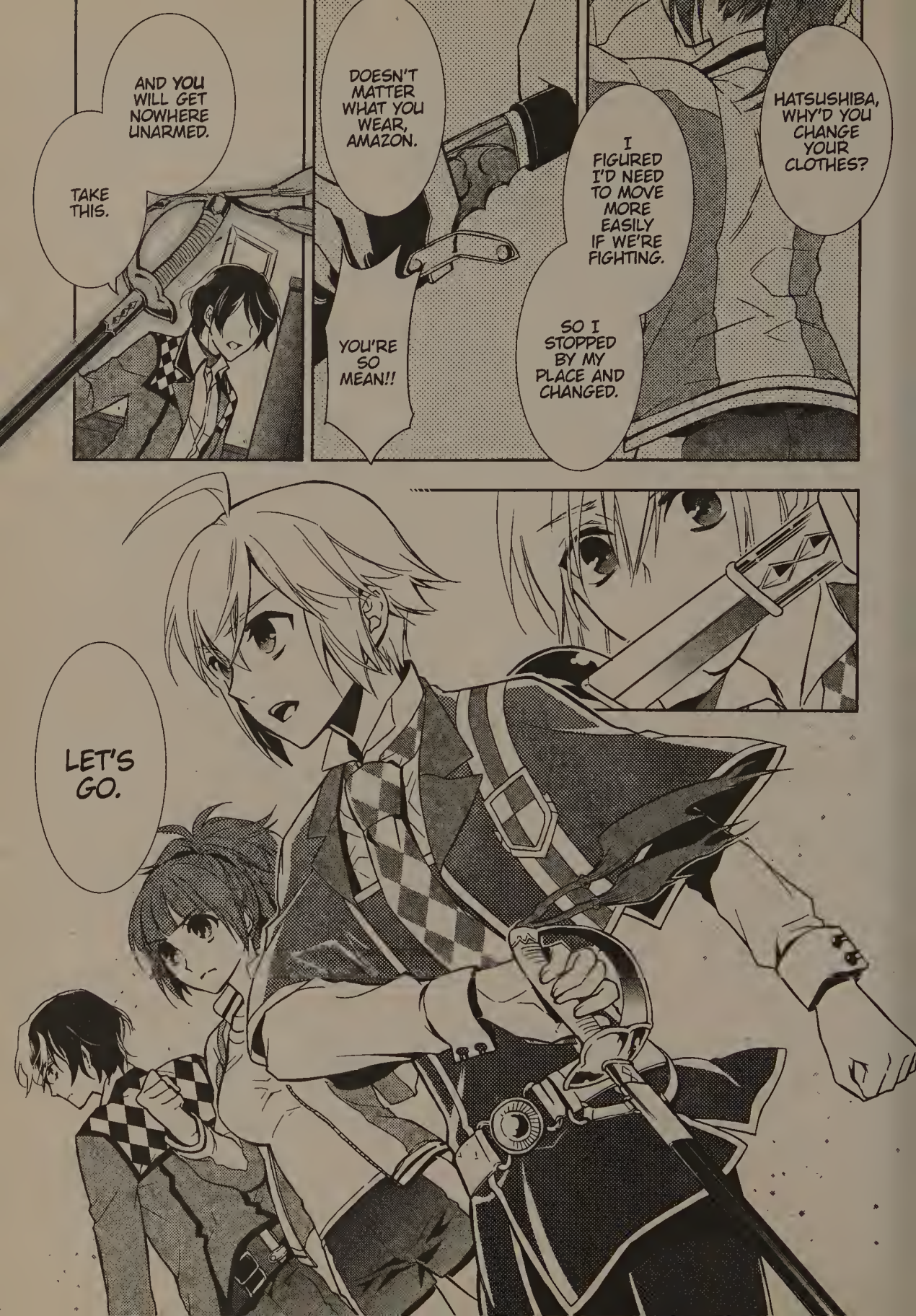

I JUST TOOK OVER THE ROLE OF HERO SINCE YOU WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING USEFUL WITH IT.
BUT HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
Heh heh
GR...!
I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, HATSUSHIBA.
FOR ME?
THESE TWO USED YOU AND IGNORED YOU, RIGHT?
THEY REALLY SUCKED. SO I FIGURED IT'D BE BEST FOR EVERYONE IF THEY WERE GONE.
MORI-SAN! KIRISHIMA-SAN!!


SO, UM, I THINK IF YOU ACTUALLY JUST TALK TO THEM, THEY'LL UNDERSTAND.
CINDER-ELLA-SAN.
AND SORI-MACHI-KUN--
I'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO SAY TO HIM!
I'M... I JUST WANNA TAKE BACK WHAT HE STOLE FROM ME.
WHOA, WHOA, YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M THE BAD GUY.




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UNLIKE OTOGI THERE, I HATE DOING THINGS HALF-ASSED.
I'LL SAVE YOU, HATSUSHIBA, BY MAKING THESE TWO BRATS DISAPPEAR.
SORI-MACHI!!


HATSUSHIBA, WHY'D YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES?
I FIGURED I'D NEED TO MOVE MORE EASILY IF WE'RE FIGHTING.
SO I STOPPED BY MY PLACE AND CHANGED.
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR, AMAZON.
YOU'RE SO MEAN!!
AND YOU WILL GET NOWHERE UNARMED.
TAKE THIS.
LET'S GO.

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OTOGI-KUN, CAN YOU ACTUALLY USE A SWORD?
A LITTLE.
BY WHICH HE MEANS...
HE'S NOT GONNA BE MUCH USE IN A FIGHT. SO, BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ALL THE PHYSICAL STUFF.
GRRR
I WAS ALREADY PREPARED FOR THAT, YOU KNOW. AND JUST WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE, ANYWAY?
HMM? I'M UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO TELL YOU.
Bremen, you keep an eye on the house.
WHAT EXACTLY IS IT WITH YOU?!


Der gestiefelte Kater
Märchen VIII
Puss in Boots

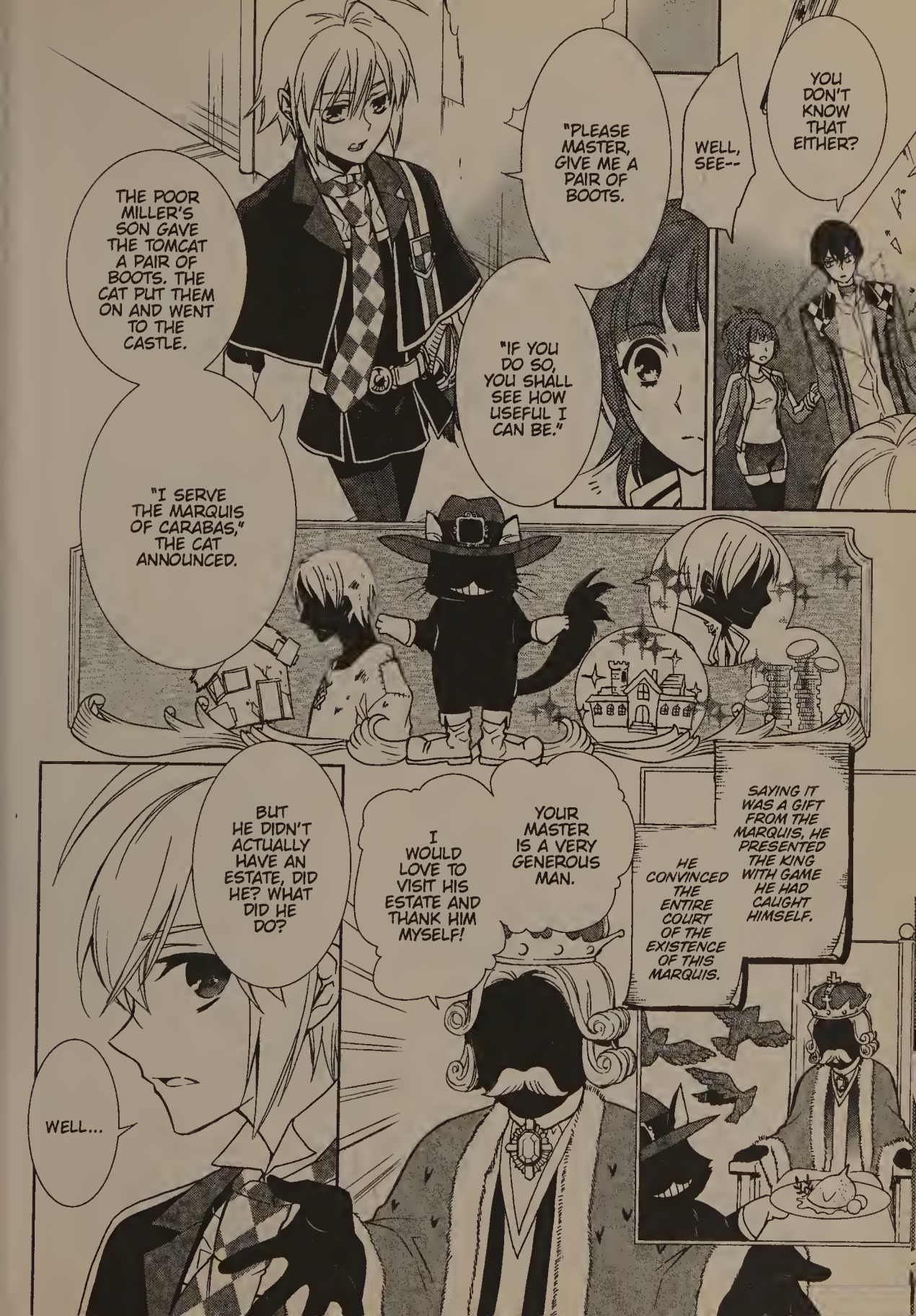

I'M NOT MANGY. STUPID BRAT.
SO, YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO HELP THESE GIRLS?
THEY'RE LIKE THE EVIL STEP-SISTERS IN "CINDERELLA."
OH!
SORIMACHI-KUN! DON'T YOU HURT THEM!!
WHY NOT?
COME ON, HATSUSHIBA. BE HONEST-- YOU WANT THEM TO DISAPPEAR, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS PUSS IN BOOTS' CASTLE.
FSSP
IF YOU REALLY TRY YOUR HARDEST...
WAIT!!

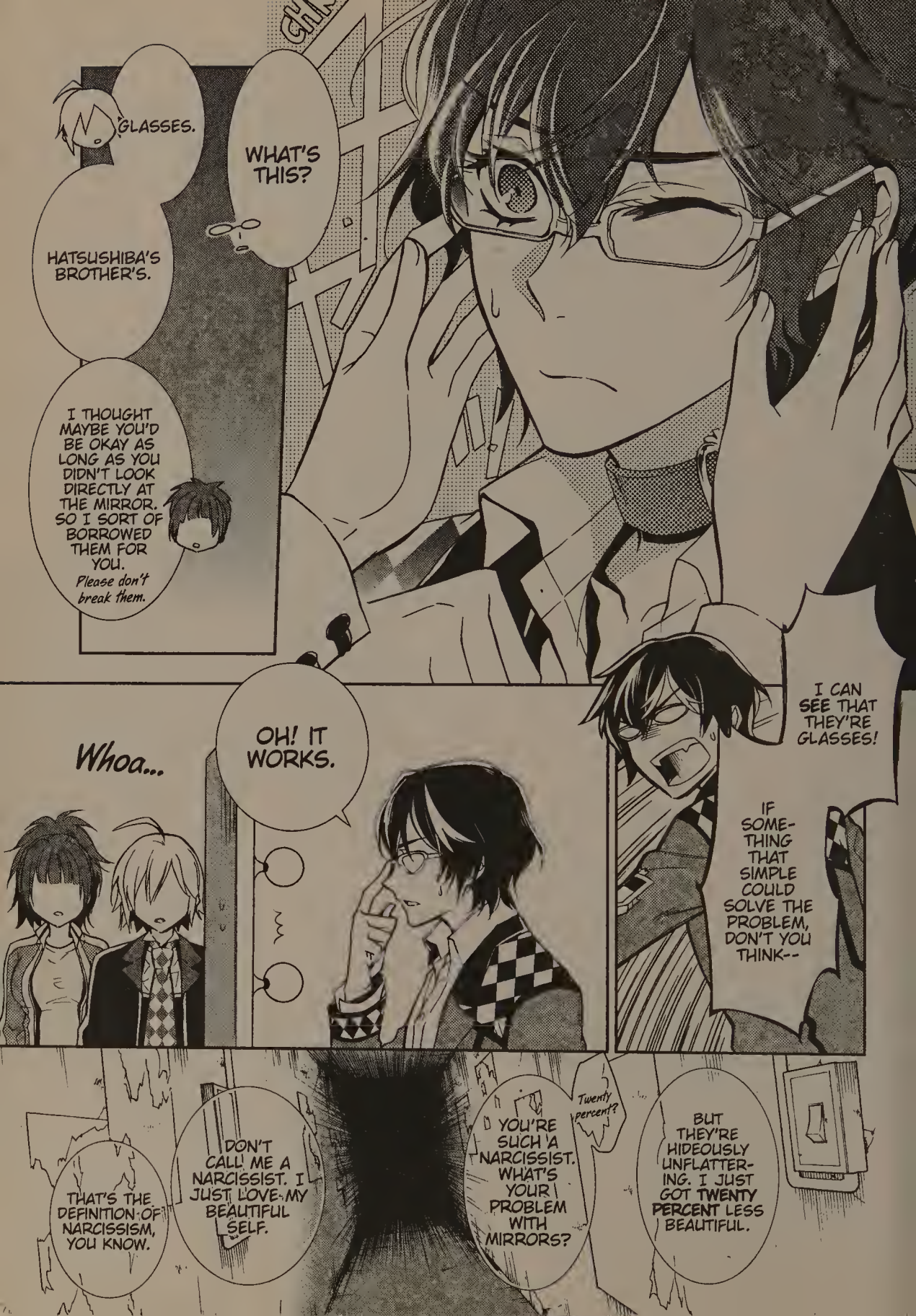

WELCOME.
THE BIT PLAYER AND HIS MANGY CREW.


WELL, AREN'T YOU JUST THE CONFIDENT ONE.
CONSIDERING YOU'VE DROPPED YOUR FRIZZLE-HAIRED PAL ONCE BEFORE.
HEY! THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU!!
THAT WAS BASICALLY YOUR FAULT!!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO PLACE BLAME.
ROWWWWLLL
SHUDDER
HEEEY, WHAT WAS THE STORY OF PUSS IN BOOTS AGAIN?

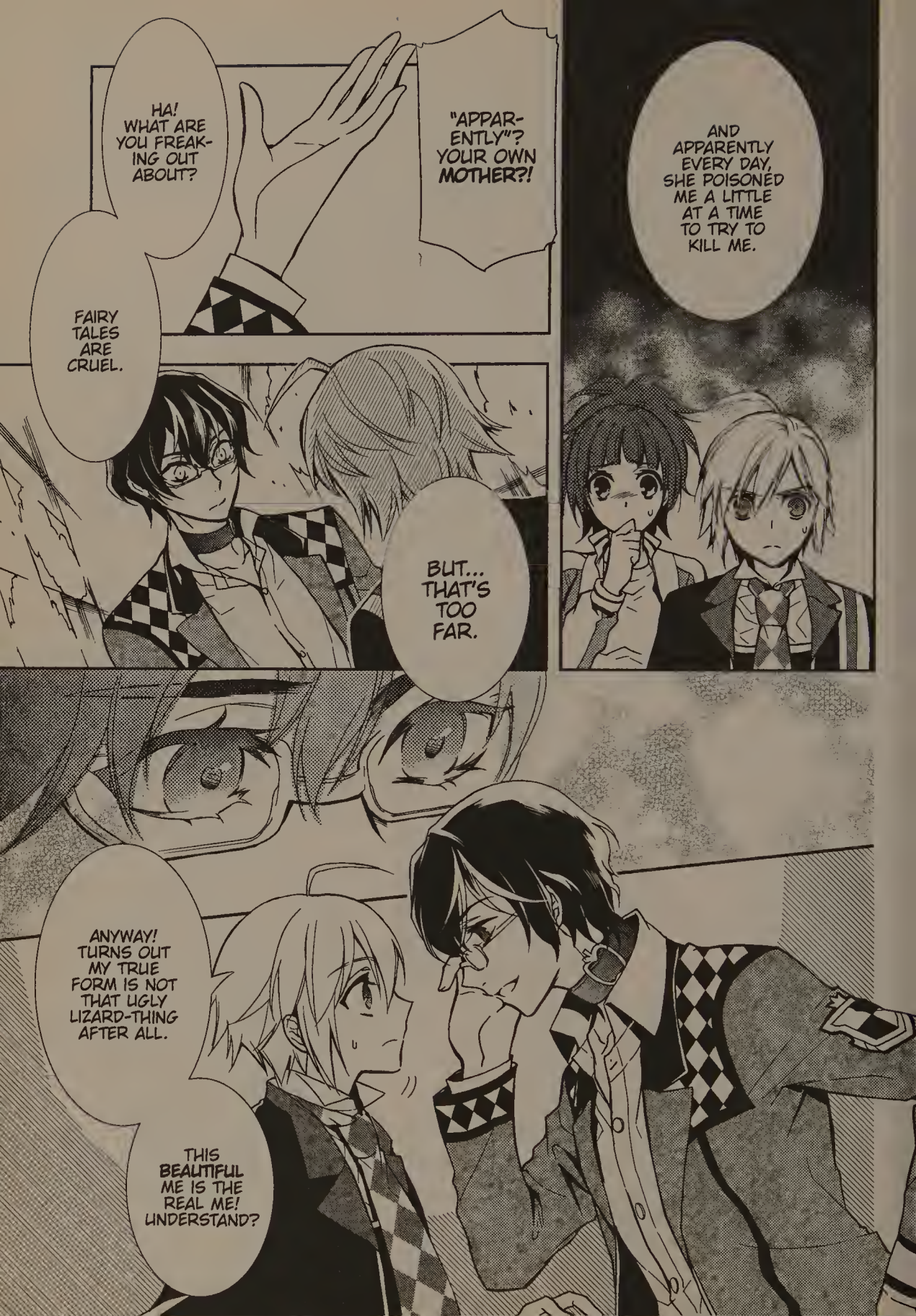

WHERE ARE THEY?!
THHP
HATSU-SHIBA!!
WATCH YOUR STEP...
WE WILL SAVE...
MORI AND KIRISHIMA.
I'M NOT GONNA LET SORIMACHI DO WHAT-EVER HE WANTS.
RELAX.
OKAY...

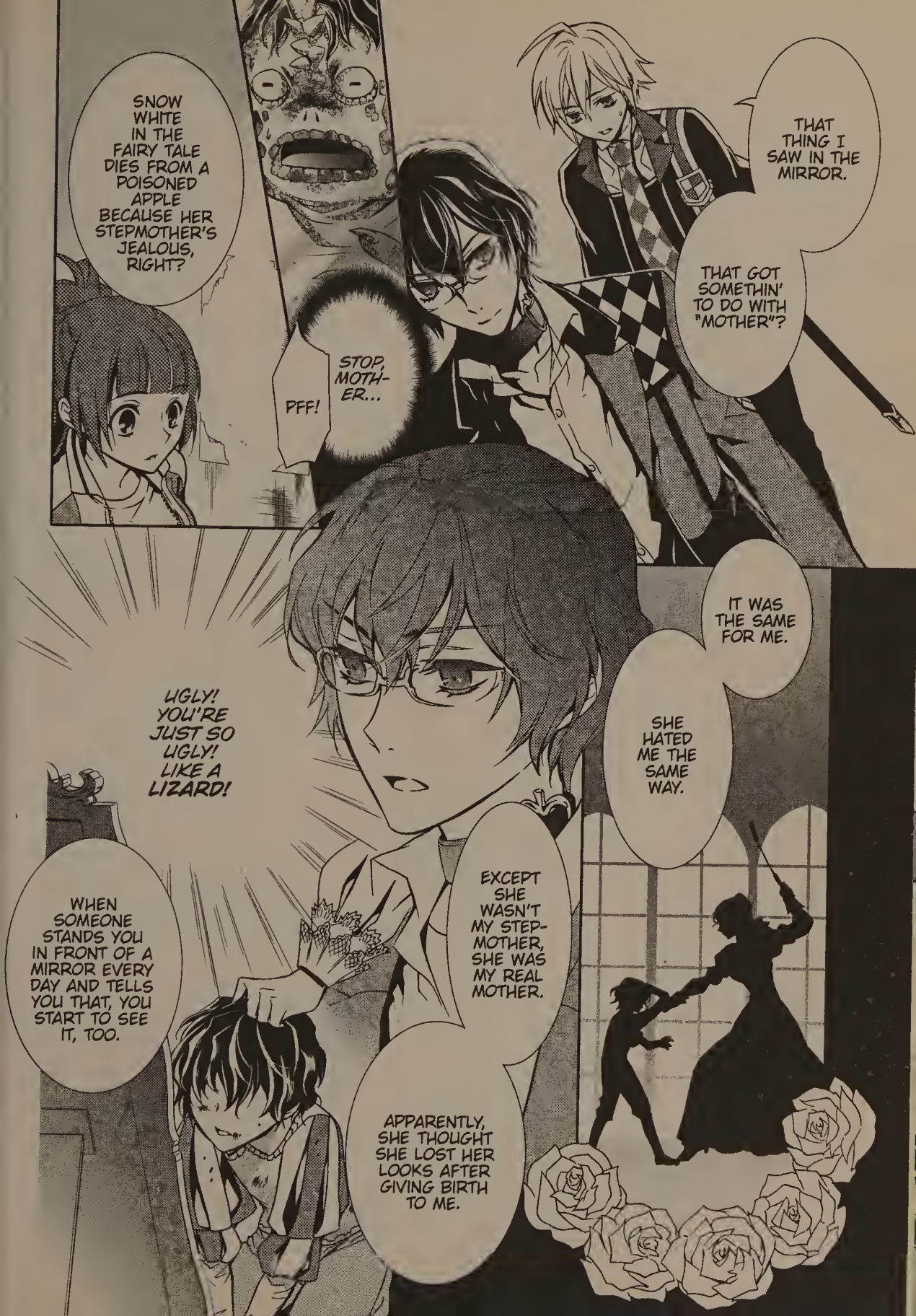

PUSS IN BOOTS?
OUI, C'EST MOI!
THAT'S BAD FOR BUSINESS!
ZUT ALORS! NO SPOILERS NOW!
RING
BENEATH HIS HUMBLE SKIN, THAT MAN HAD THE REFINEMENT OF A MARQUIS.
MOI, I MERELY REVEALED IT FOR HIM!
PEOPLE ALWAYS HAVE VIRTUES AND DEFECTS, NON?
YOU COULD CALL THOSE DEFECTS WEAK POINTS.
THIS IS SOMETHING I UNDER-STAND VERRRRY WELL!


YOU DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER?
WELL, SEE--
"PLEASE MASTER, GIVE ME A PAIR OF BOOTS.
"IF YOU DO SO, YOU SHALL SEE HOW USEFUL I CAN BE."
THE POOR MILLER'S SON GAVE THE TOMCAT A PAIR OF BOOTS. THE CAT PUT THEM ON AND WENT TO THE CASTLE.
"I SERVE THE MARQUIS OF CARABAS," THE CAT ANNOUNCED.
SAYING IT WAS A GIFT FROM THE MARQUIS, HE PRESENTED THE KING WITH GAME HE HAD CAUGHT HIMSELF.
HE CONVINCED THE ENTIRE COURT OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS MARQUIS.
YOUR MASTER IS A VERY GENEROUS MAN.
I WOULD LOVE TO VISIT HIS ESTATE AND THANK HIM MYSELF!
BUT HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE AN ESTATE, DID HE? WHAT DID HE DO?
WELL...


GLASSES.
WHAT'S THIS?
HATSUSHIBA'S BROTHER'S.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D BE OKAY AS LONG AS YOU DIDN'T LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE MIRROR. SO I SORT OF BORROWED THEM FOR YOU.
Please don't break them.
I CAN SEE THAT THEY'RE GLASSES!
IF SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM, DON'T YOU THINK--
OH! IT WORKS.
Whoa...
BUT THEY'RE HIDEOUSLY UNFLATTERING. I JUST GOT TWENTY PERCENT LESS BEAUTIFUL.
Twenty percent?
YOU'RE SUCH A NARCISSIST. WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH MIRRORS?
DON'T CALL ME A NARCISSIST. I JUST LOVE MY BEAUTIFUL SELF.
THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF NARCISSISM, YOU KNOW.


LIKE THIS, REGARDEZ!!
AAH!!
SNOW!!
SNOW! OVER HERE!!
MOI, I AM NO GOOD AT ZE BATTLE!
THIS SORT OF THING IS MY STRENGTH. ENJOY!
YANK
DAMMIT... STOP...
?!


AND APPARENTLY EVERY DAY, SHE POISONED ME A LITTLE AT A TIME TO TRY TO KILL ME.
"APPARENTLY"? YOUR OWN MOTHER?!
HA! WHAT ARE YOU FREAKING OUT ABOUT?
FAIRY TALES ARE CRUEL.
BUT... THAT'S TOO FAR.
ANYWAY! TURNS OUT MY TRUE FORM IS NOT THAT UGLY LIZARD-THING AFTER ALL.
THIS BEAUTIFUL ME IS THE REAL ME! UNDERSTAND?


SNOW WHITE IN THE FAIRY TALE DIES FROM A POISONED APPLE BECAUSE HER STEPMOTHER'S JEALOUS, RIGHT?
PFF!
STOP, MOTH-ER...
THAT THING I SAW IN THE MIRROR.
THAT GOT SOMETHIN' TO DO WITH "MOTHER"?
IT WAS THE SAME FOR ME.
SHE HATED ME THE SAME WAY.
EXCEPT SHE WASN'T MY STEP-MOTHER, SHE WAS MY REAL MOTHER.
APPARENTLY, SHE THOUGHT SHE LOST HER LOOKS AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO ME.
UGLY! YOU'RE JUST SO UGLY! LIKE A LIZARD!
WHEN SOMEONE STANDS YOU IN FRONT OF A MIRROR EVERY DAY AND TELLS YOU THAT, YOU START TO SEE IT, TOO.


SQUEAK
MICE?!
AAAAAAAH! EWWW!
THEY'RE SO BIG! GROSS!!
PLAP
AAAAAH!!
AAAAAH!!
THWOOMP


Way too close.
W-WELL, YOUR FACE'S PRETTY ANYWAY.
REALLY?
YOUR FACE! JUST YOUR FACE!! YOUR PERSONALITY IS MISERABLE!!
OH? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
PLAP
!
GUESS THESE MÄRCHEN DEMONS ALL HAVE THEIR OWN STORIES.
DOES CINDERELLA, TOO?
I HEAR SOMETHING!


WHAP
OTOGI-KUN!
CALM DOWN!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
HEY!
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?! WHY...
MORI-SAN AND KIRISHIMA-SAN ARE STILL IN DANGER.
HEY!
I-I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT!
HE TOLD YOU TO 'CALM DOWN,' DIDN'T HE?
SO, HATSU-SHIBA...
YOU IN LOVE WITH HIM?
KONK
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
MIND YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN HIM. HE'S STUPID, SHORT, BOSSY, AND STUPID.
HEY!! DON'T BAD-MOUTH HIM!!
And you said 'stupid' twice!!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
Ow! I told you to watch my joints, Amazon!!


'ALLO, MR. BIT PART.
OR MAYBE YOU ARE A LITTLE MOUSE?
SNOW!! HATSU-SHIBA!!
AUUUGH! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!!
Eeaah
Eeaah
SQUEEEEZE
VOUS, OVER HERE!
HUH? WHAT ABOUT WHATS-HIS-FACE?
OTOGI-KUN?!
CHOMP
WHERE'S OTOGI-KUN?!


RAPUNZEL!!
SHLRRK
GO! FIND SORIMACHI AND GET THE BOOK BACK!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
NO MÄRCHEN CAN DIE IN A FIGHT WITH ANOTHER MÄRCHEN.
AND I CAN HOLD HER OFF AT LEAST. YOU OWE ME ONE!

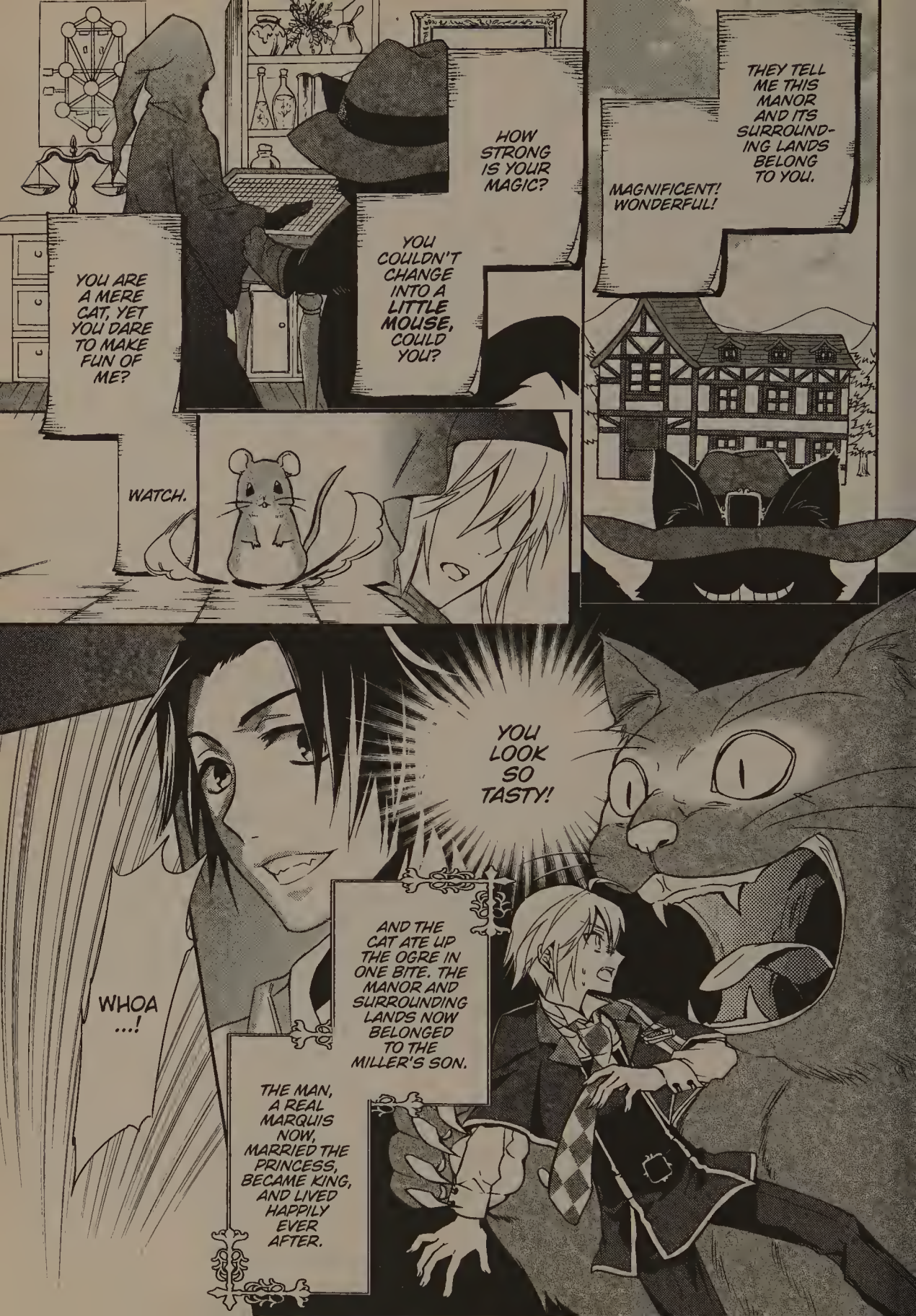

Crazy strong...
NO, I...
I JUST WANT TO BE LIKE OTOGI-KUN.
BE SOMEONE WHO CAN SAVE HER FRIENDS WITHOUT HESITATING, LIKE A HERO...
HUH.
I DON'T REALLY CARE.
WELL, THEN PLEASE DON'T ASK! SHEESH...
HYOOO
THUD


AUGH
WHIRL
THUD
THUK
HA! SO, NOT EVEN A SHRED OF YOUR OWN WILL LEFT?
FUMBLE
IT'S ANNOYING, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.
THIS IS BAD... I DON'T HAVE ANY OF MY POISONS.
AND THIS ISN'T GETTING ME ANYWHERE.

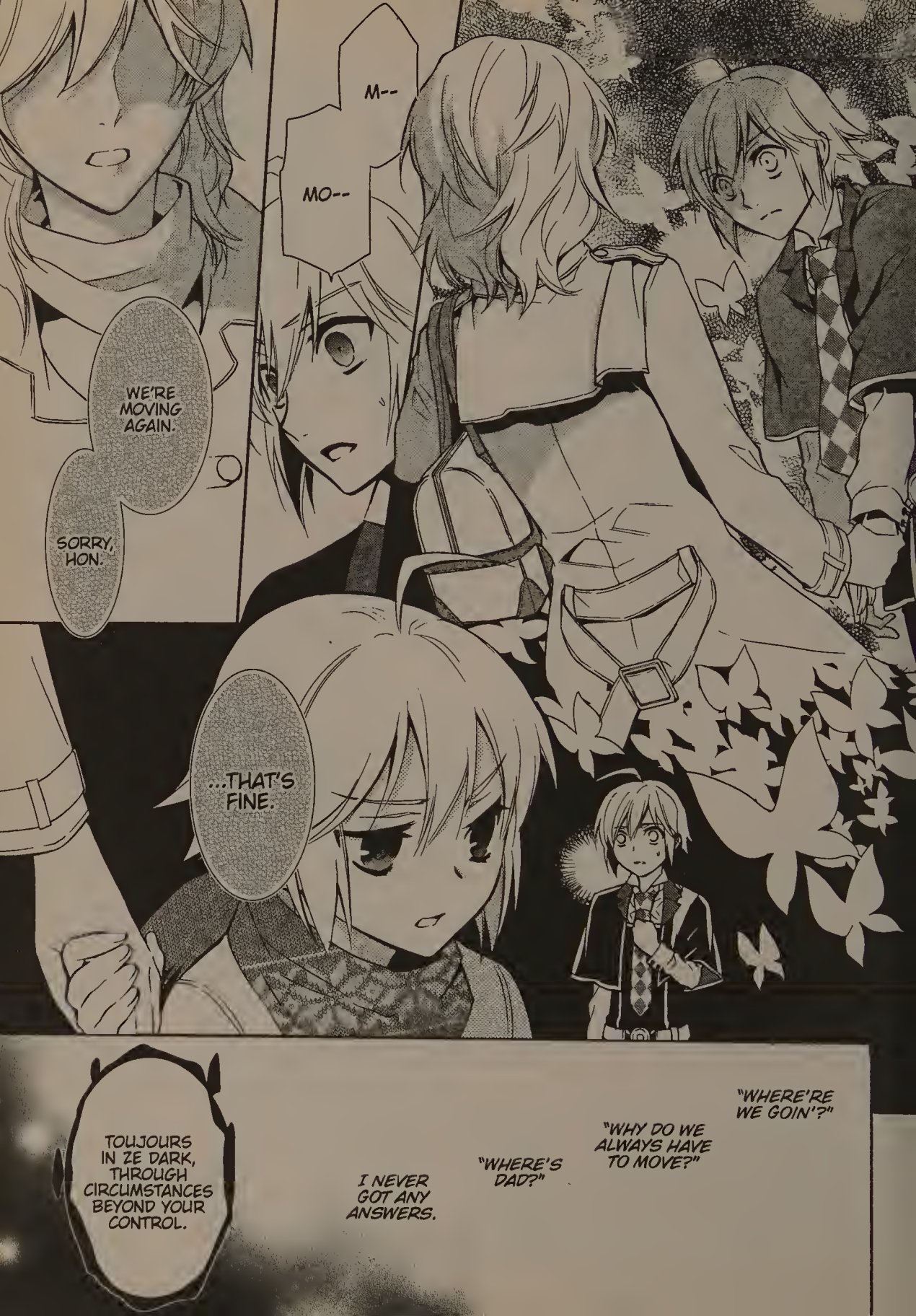

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU!! YOU KIDNAPPED ME!!
BUT I THINK OTOGI-KUN WOULD BE SAD, SO...
MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK, OKAY?
HUH.
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE UP AGAINST HERE?!
HAH!!


IN HIGH CON-CENTRATIONS, IT CAN LEAD TO RESPIRATORY FAILURE.
I'M HABITUATED TO POISONS, SO IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ME.
TRY NOT TO STRUGGLE.
I HATE WOMEN WHO LOSE THEIR COM-POSURE.
IT'S NOT ATTRACTIVE!

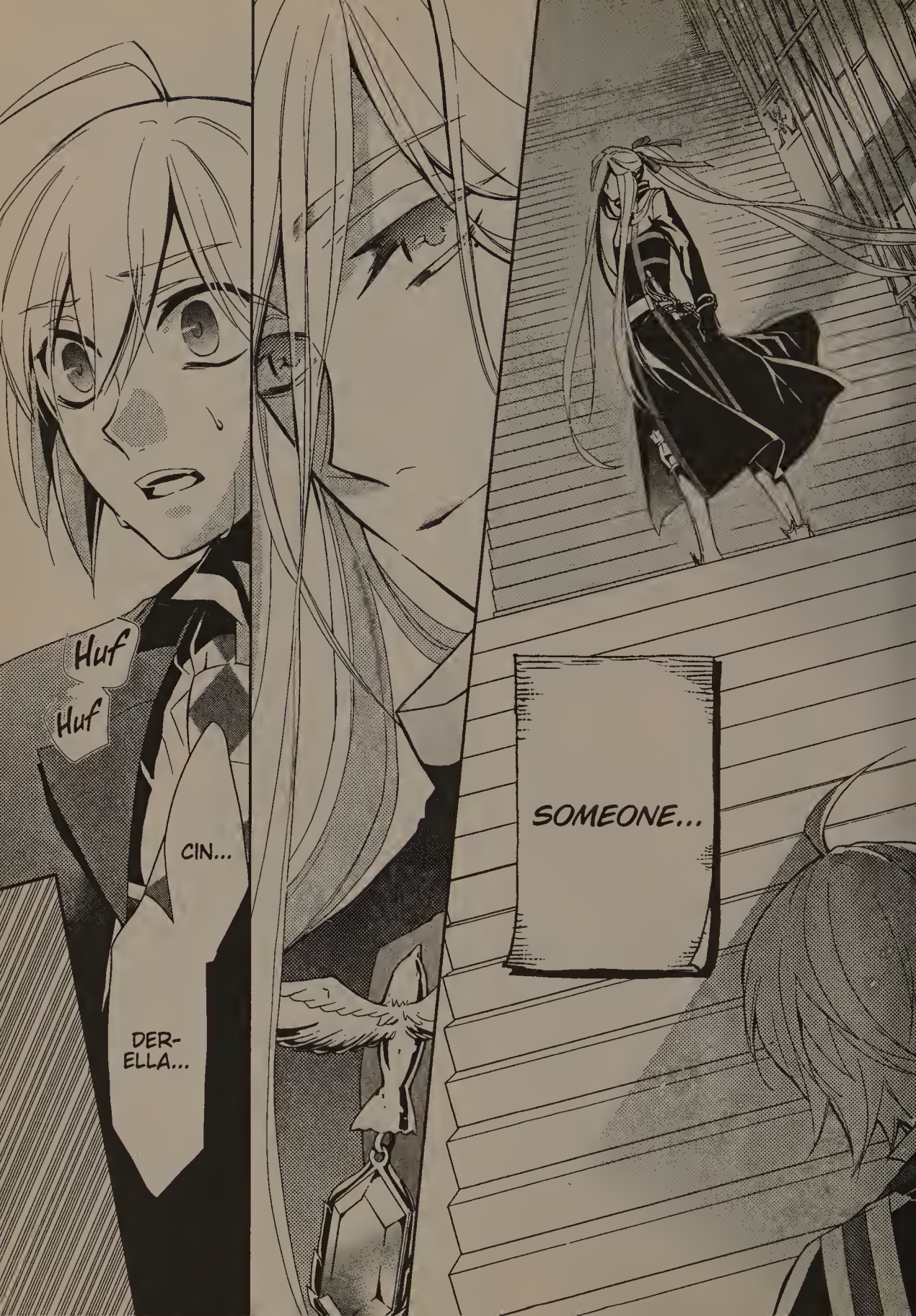

FWWSH
KRACKLE
KRACKLE
BURNING HAIR SMELLS TERRIBLE, DOESN'T IT?
IT GENERATES SULFUR DIOXIDE GAS. WHICH IS POISONOUS.
KRRSNPH
LEAP

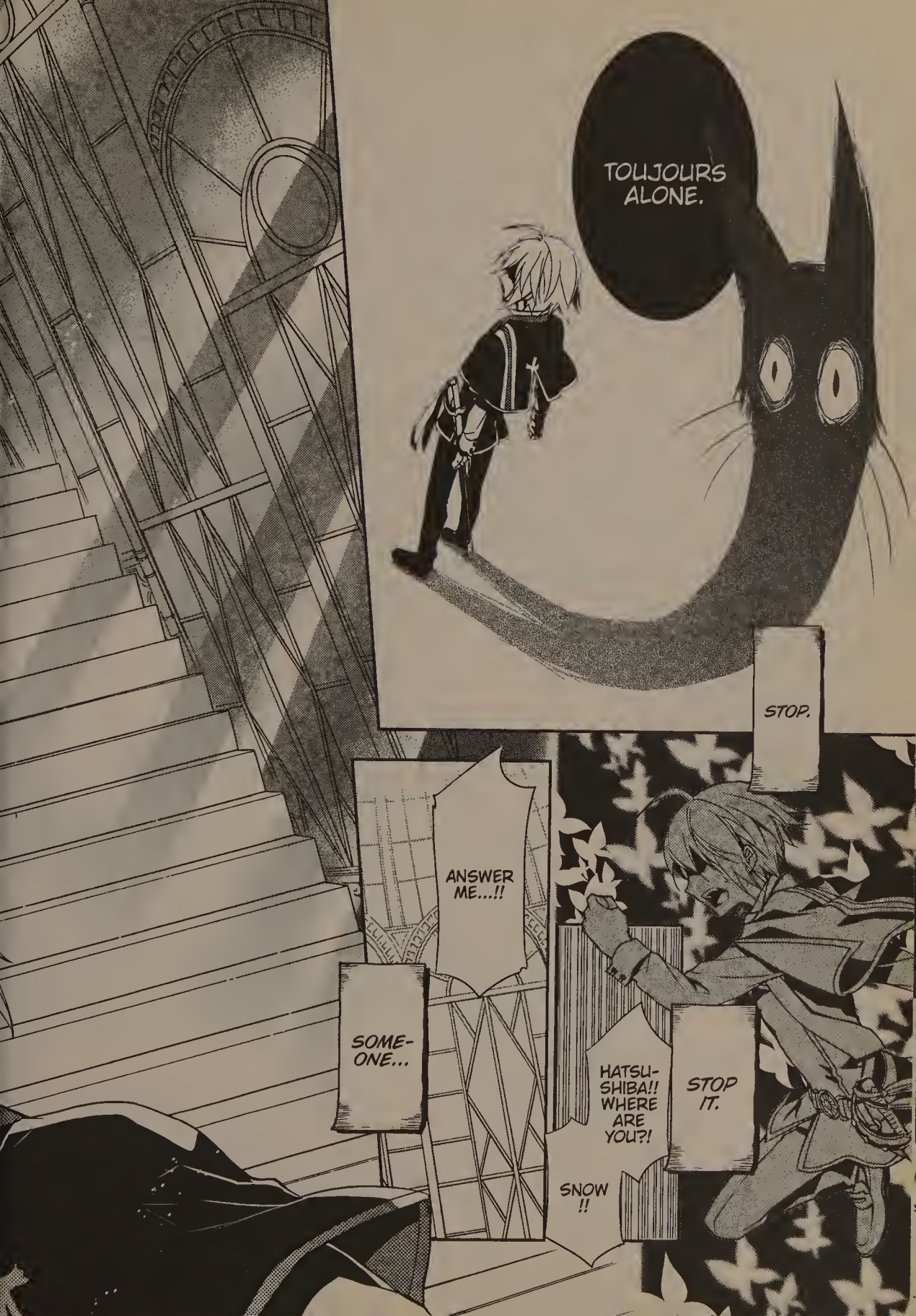

THEY TELL ME THIS MANOR AND ITS SURROUND-ING LANDS BELONG TO YOU.
MAGNIFICENT! WONDERFUL!
HOW STRONG IS YOUR MAGIC?
YOU COULDN'T CHANGE INTO A LITTLE MOUSE, COULD YOU?
YOU ARE A MERE CAT, YET YOU DARE TO MAKE FUN OF ME?
WATCH.
YOU LOOK SO TASTY!
WHOA ...!
AND THE CAT ATE UP THE OGRE IN ONE BITE. THE MANOR AND SURROUNDING LANDS NOW BELONGED TO THE MILLER'S SON.
THE MAN, A REAL MARQUIS NOW, MARRIED THE PRINCESS, BECAME KING, AND LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.


DAMMIT!
NOW HE'LL THINK I'M COPYING HIM. HOW TEDIOUS.
I NEED YOU TO GET MY POWER BACK.
DON'T GO DYING ON ME.
AN OGRE?!

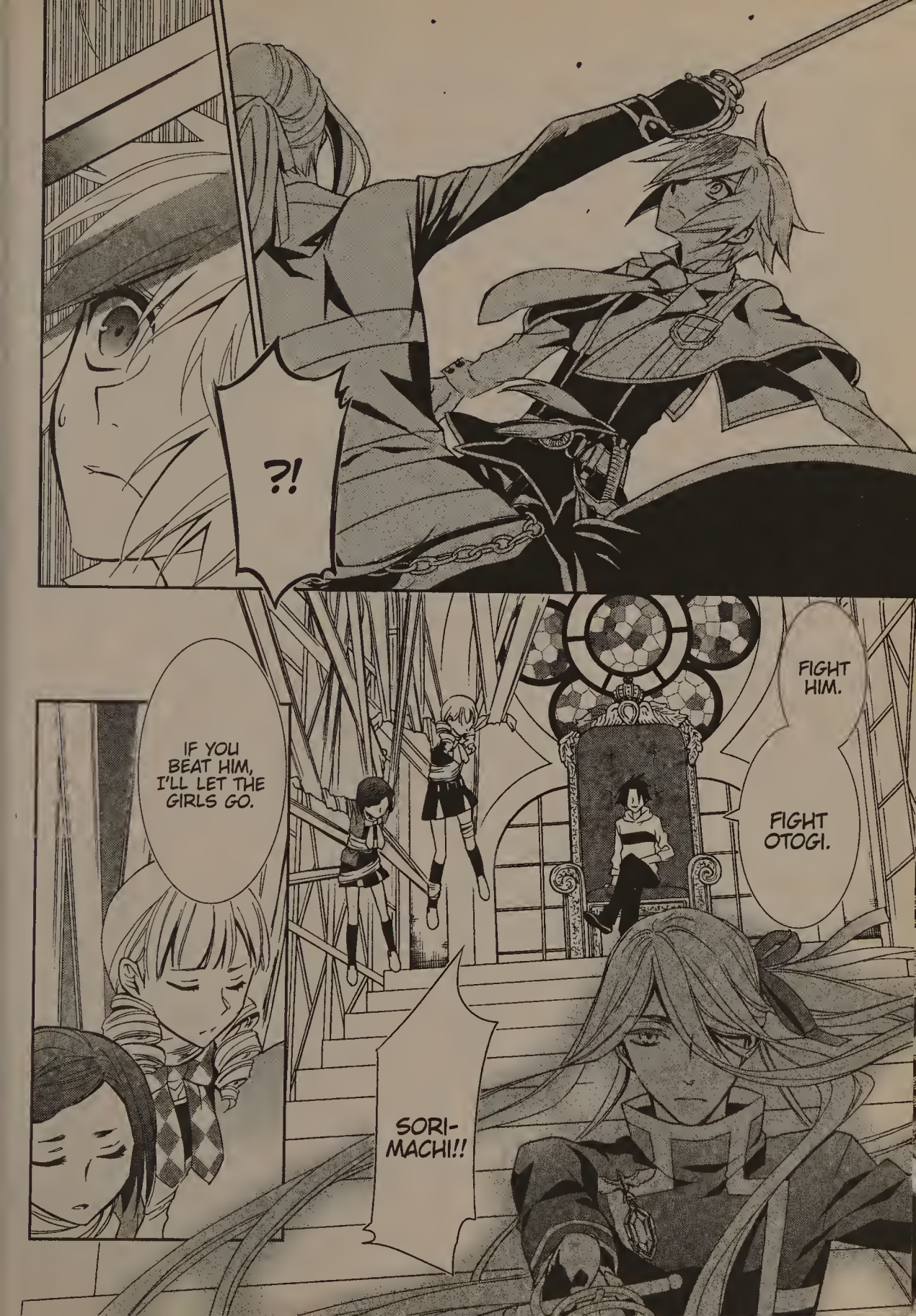

M--
MO--
WE'RE MOVING AGAIN.
SORRY, HON.
...THAT'S FINE.
TOUJOURS IN ZE DARK, THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.
I NEVER GOT ANY ANSWERS.
"WHERE'S DAD?"
"WHY DO WE ALWAYS HAVE TO MOVE?"
"WHERE'RE WE GOIN'?"


SO YOU'RE AWAKE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD A PRETTY TERRIBLE DREAM, NON?
BUT YOUR NIGHT-MARE'S JUST BEGUN.
HE NEVER TALKS TO ANYONE. DWEEB.
DIDJA HEAR? HE'S TRANS-FERRING SCHOOLS AGAIN.
HUH. SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF TRYING TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM?
GRIMM.
STOP...!!
STOP IT!!


Huf
Huf
CIN...
DER-
ELLA...
SOMEONE...


TOUJOURS ALONE.
STOP.
ANSWER ME...!!
SOME-ONE...
HATSU-SHIBA!! WHERE ARE YOU?!
STOP IT.
SNOW !!

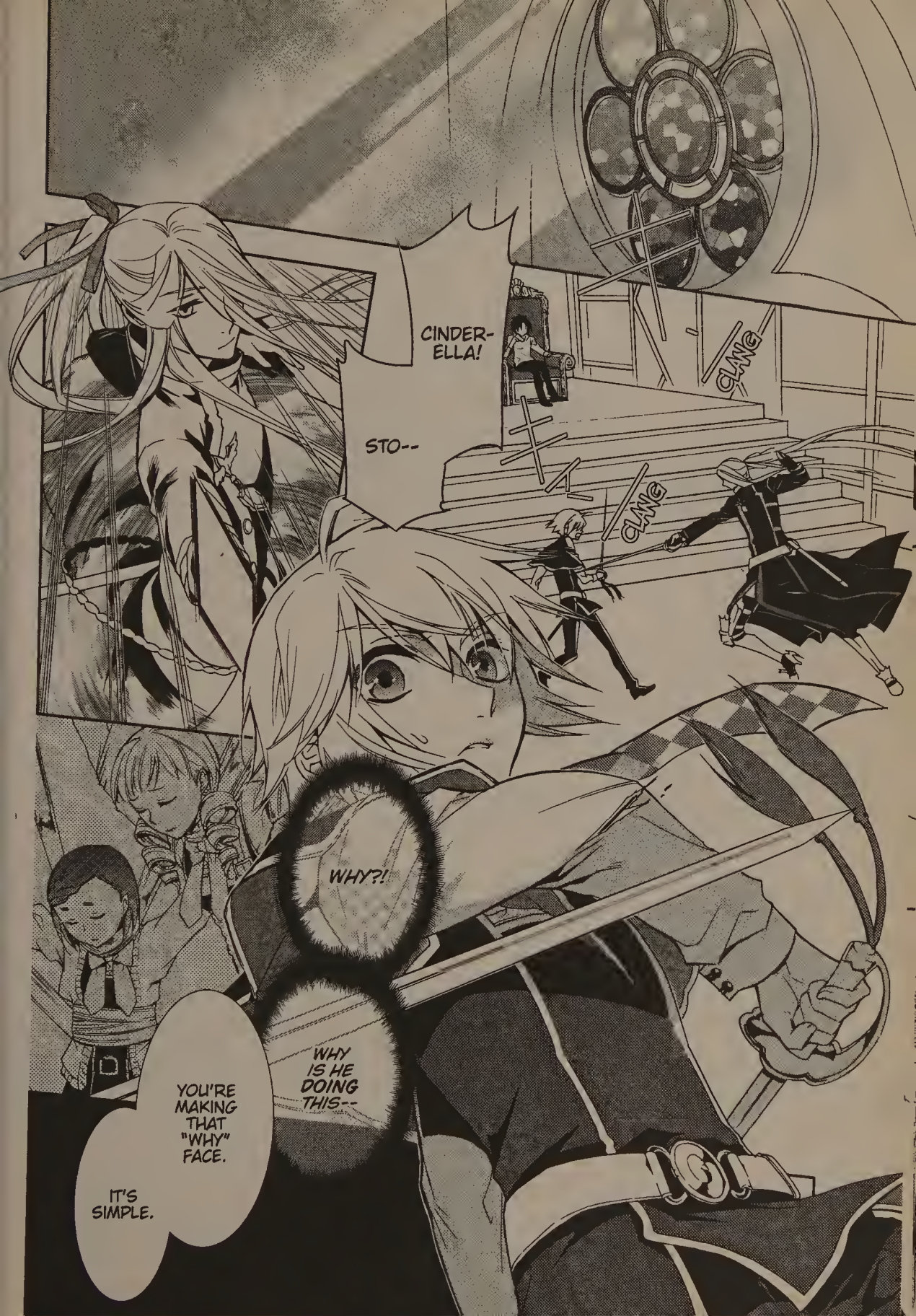

COME ON, NOW! IF YOU DON'T DRAW YOUR SWORD, HE'LL KILL YOU, Y'KNOW?
NGH!
NO!!
GASP
THIS ISN'T WHAT I'M HERE FOR!!
CINDER-ELLA!
LISTEN TO--
DO IT, CINDER-ELLA!!
THE EVIL STEP-SISTERS...
THEY GET THEIR EYES GOUGED OUT IN THE END, YOU KNOW.


?!
FIGHT HIM.
FIGHT OTOGI.
IF YOU BEAT HIM, I'LL LET THE GIRLS GO.
SORI-MACHI!!

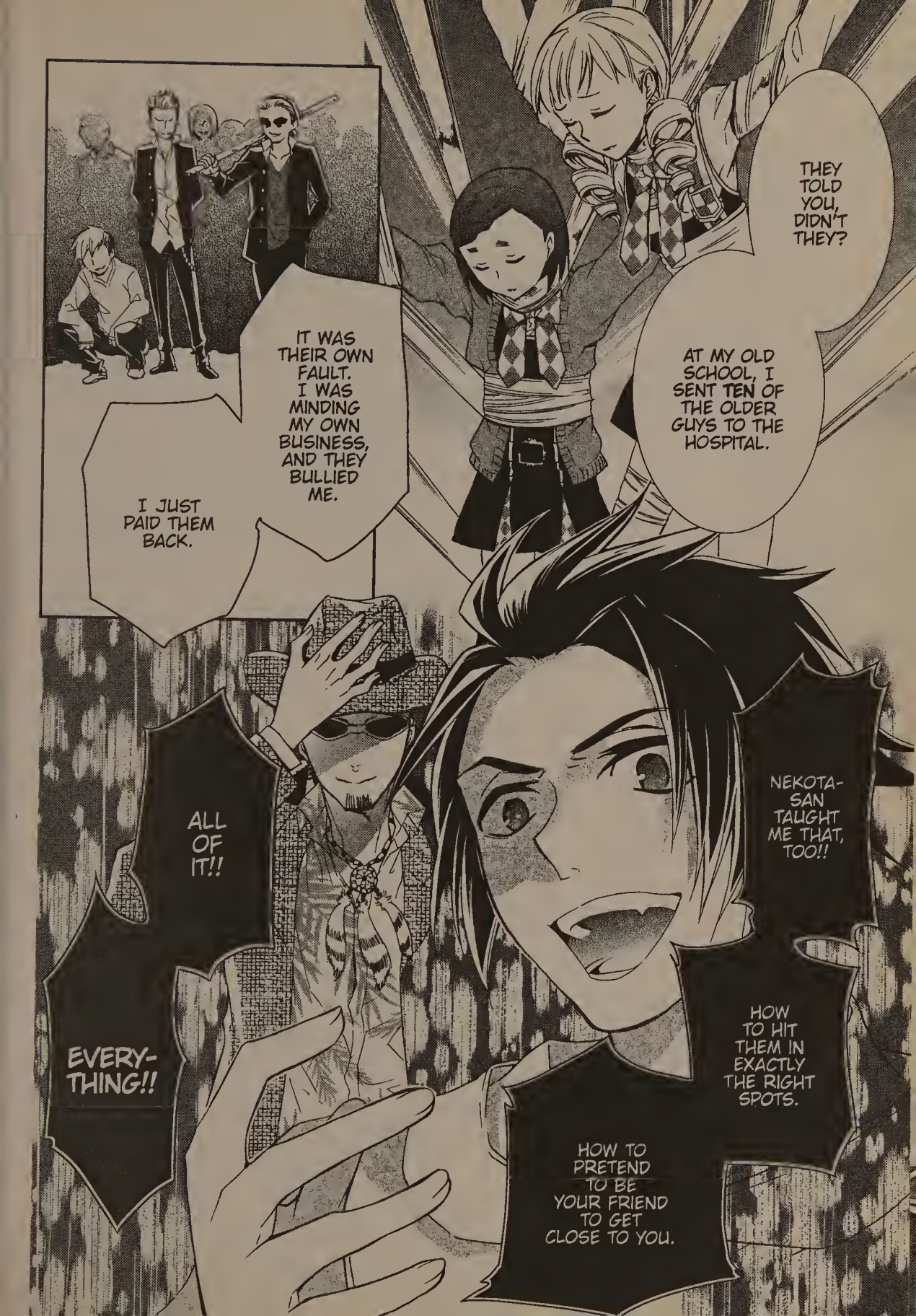

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KLANG
CINDER-ELLA!
CLEAN UP!
AS YOU WISH, KÖNIG.


I WAS PLANNING TO STEAL THE BOOK FROM YOU ALL ALONG. THAT'S WHY I GOT CLOSE TO YOU.
NEKOTA-SAN TOLD ME ABOUT YOU. SAID THAT OTOGI GRIMM HAD A MYSTERIOUS POWER.
ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO MAKE THAT POWER MINE.

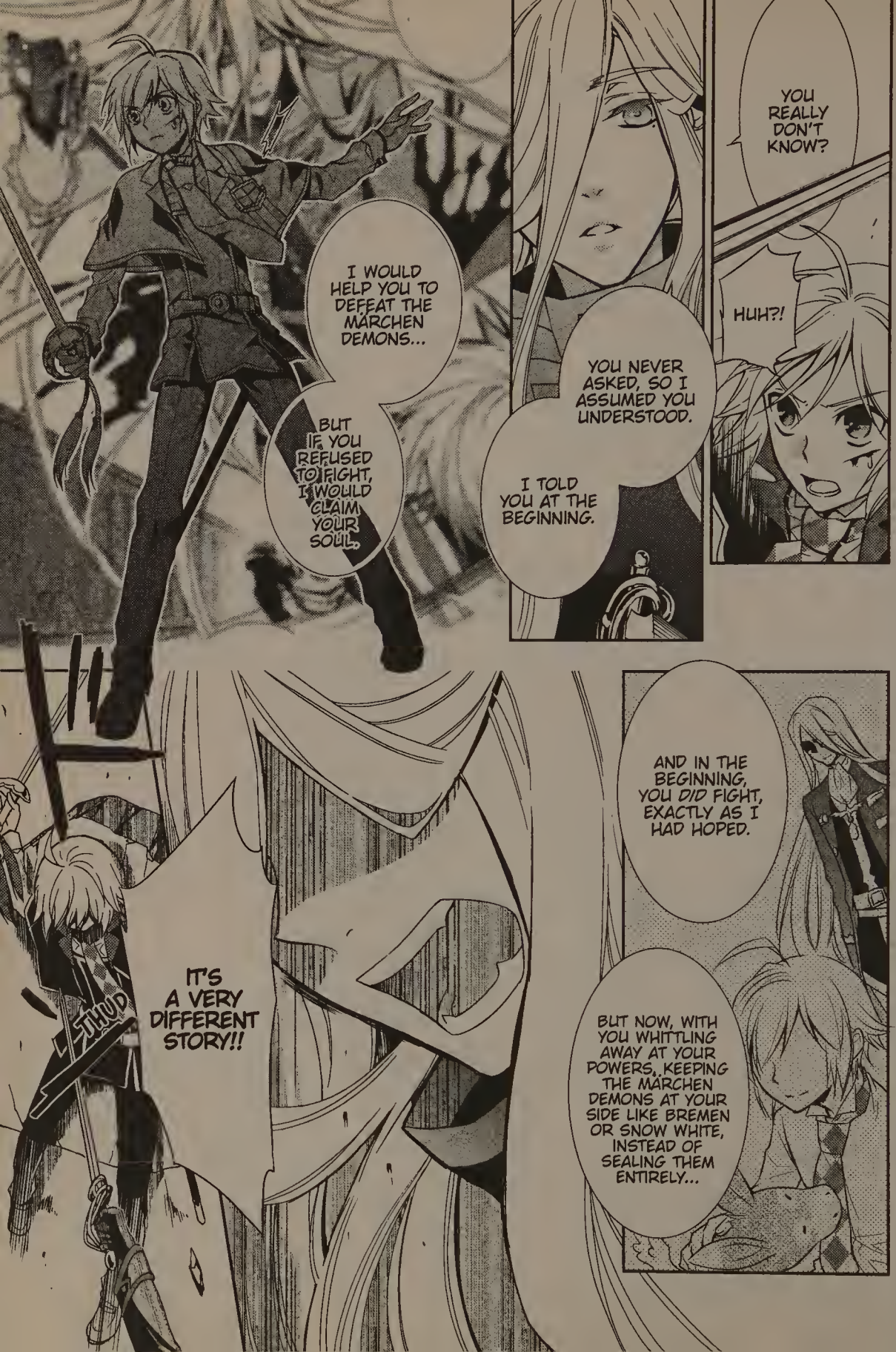

CINDER-
ELLA!
STO--
CLANG
CLANG
WHY?!
WHY IS HE DOING THIS--
YOU'RE MAKING THAT "WHY" FACE.
IT'S SIMPLE.


"THE LONELY, SAD TRANSFER STUDENT"?
"THE TRAGIC HERO"?
SORI-MA--
CRACK
YOU GOTTA BE YOUR OWN HERO. NO ONE'S GONNA COME SAVE YOU.
WHAT A SPOILED BRAT!!
WITHOUT YOUR GUARD DOG, YOU'RE HELPLESS, AREN'T YOU?!

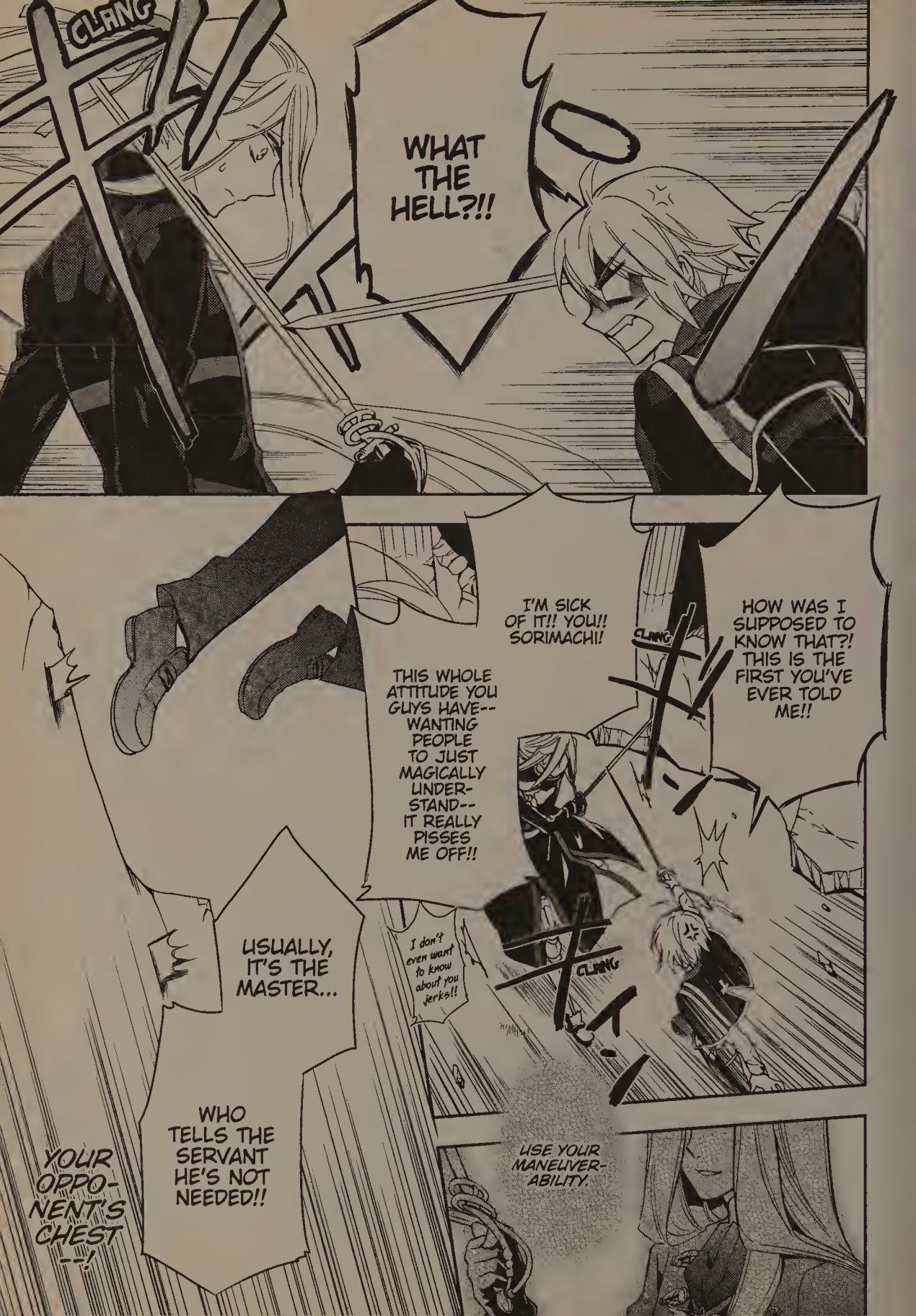

THEY TOLD YOU, DIDN'T THEY?
AT MY OLD SCHOOL, I SENT TEN OF THE OLDER GUYS TO THE HOSPITAL.
IT WAS THEIR OWN FAULT. I WAS MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, AND THEY BULLIED ME.
I JUST PAID THEM BACK.
NEKOTA-SAN TAUGHT ME THAT, TOO!!
HOW TO HIT THEM IN EXACTLY THE RIGHT SPOTS.
HOW TO PRETEND TO BE YOUR FRIEND TO GET CLOSE TO YOU.
ALL OF IT!!
EVERY-THING!!

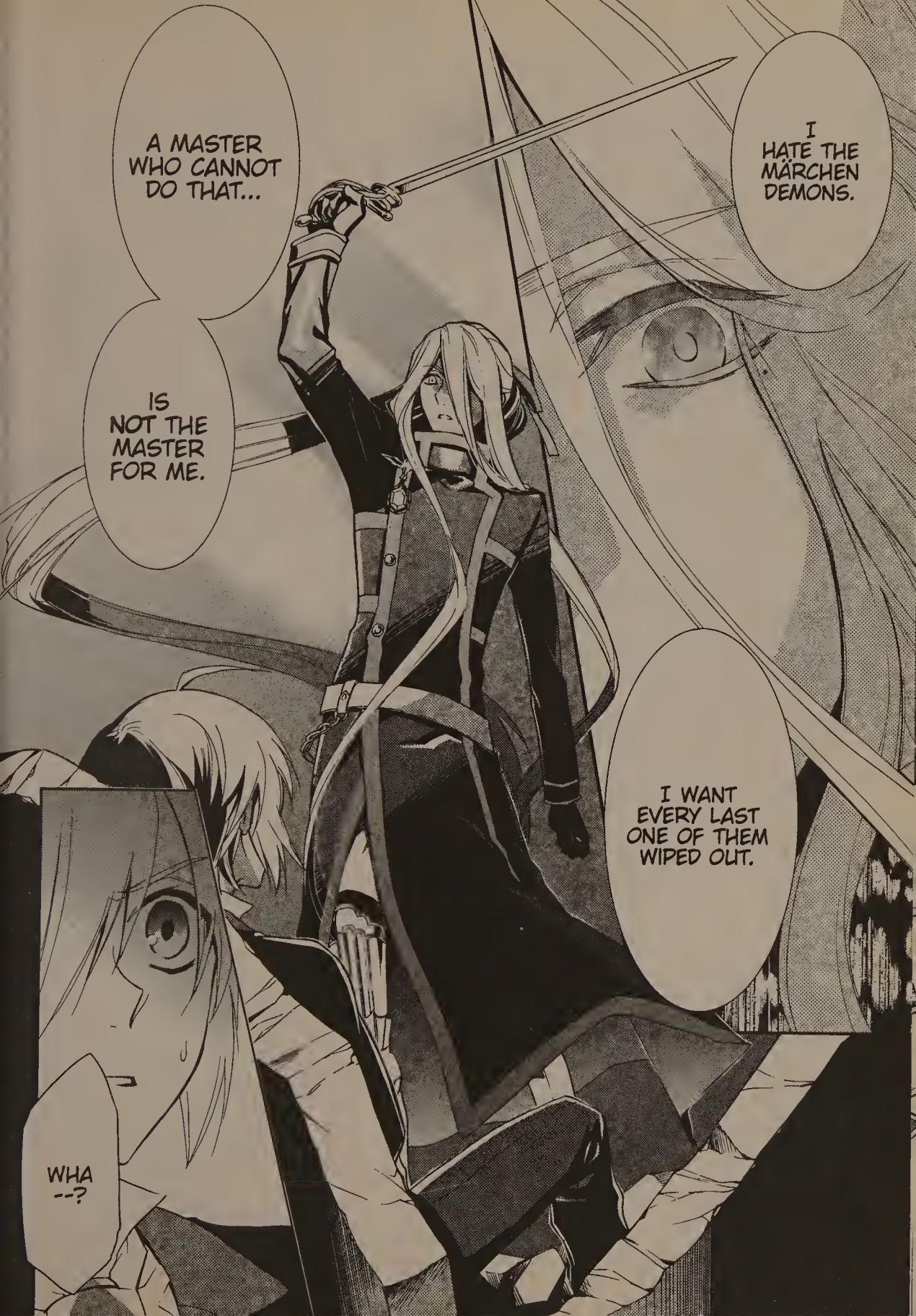

WHO SAID YOU COULD LEAVE YOUR POST?!
GET BACK HERE!!
DAMMIT!
KRACK
OW...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Phew
OH... HH-HUH--


KLAWK
CRACK
BUT YOU CAN'T DO ANY-THING BY YOURSELF.
YOU CAN'T SAVE ANY-ONE.
CINDER-ELLA?!


I WOULD HELP YOU TO DEFEAT THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS...
BUT IF YOU REFUSED TO FIGHT, I WOULD CLAIM YOUR SOUL.
YOU NEVER ASKED, SO I ASSUMED YOU UNDERSTOOD.
I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING.
HUH?!
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
AND IN THE BEGINNING, YOU *DID* FIGHT, EXACTLY AS I HAD HOPED.
BUT NOW, WITH YOU WHITTLING AWAY AT YOUR POWERS, KEEPING THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS AT YOUR SIDE LIKE BREMEN OR SNOW WHITE, INSTEAD OF SEALING THEM ENTIRELY...
THUD
IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT STORY!!


LEAVING YOURSELF VULNERABLE TO AN ENEMY...
YOU ARE STILL SOFT.
E-ENEMY?!
YES.
HANG ON, TIME OUT! I DON'T GET THIS!
WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT YOU?!
CLA NG

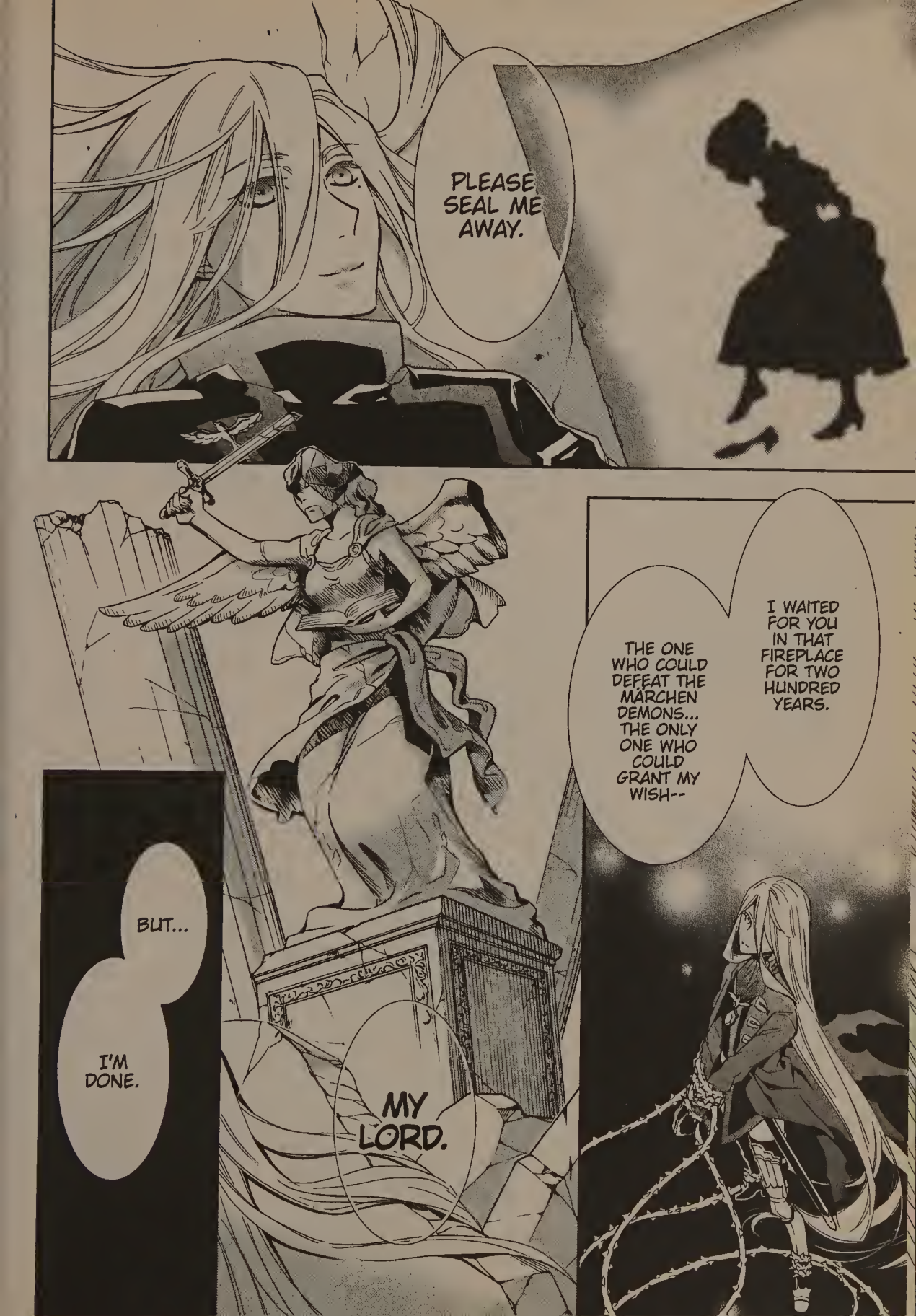

CLANG
WHAT THE HELL?!!
I'M SICK OF IT!! YOU!! SORIMACHI!
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT?! THIS IS THE FIRST YOU'VE EVER TOLD ME!!
CLANG
THIS WHOLE ATTITUDE YOU GUYS HAVE-- WANTING PEOPLE TO JUST MAGICALLY UNDER-STAND-- IT REALLY PISSES ME OFF!!
I don't even want to know about you jerks!!
CLANG
USUALLY, IT'S THE MASTER...
WHO TELLS THE SERVANT HE'S NOT NEEDED!!
USE YOUR MANEUVER-ABILITY.
YOUR OPPO-NENT'S CHEST --!

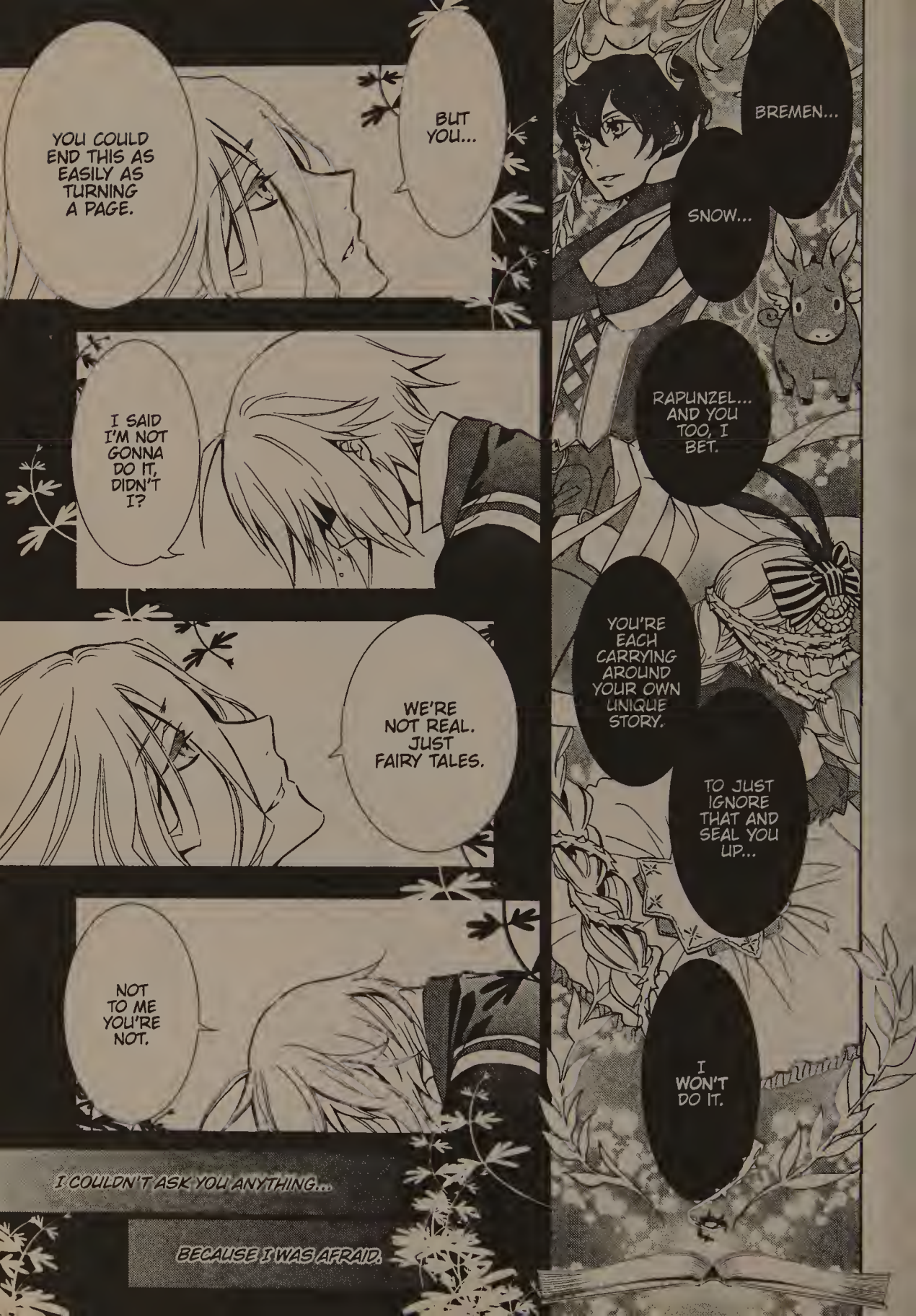

I HATE THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS.
I WANT EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM WIPED OUT.
A MASTER WHO CANNOT DO THAT...
IS NOT THE MASTER FOR ME.
WHA --?


FLAP
Huf
Huf

FLY
AT
IT!!

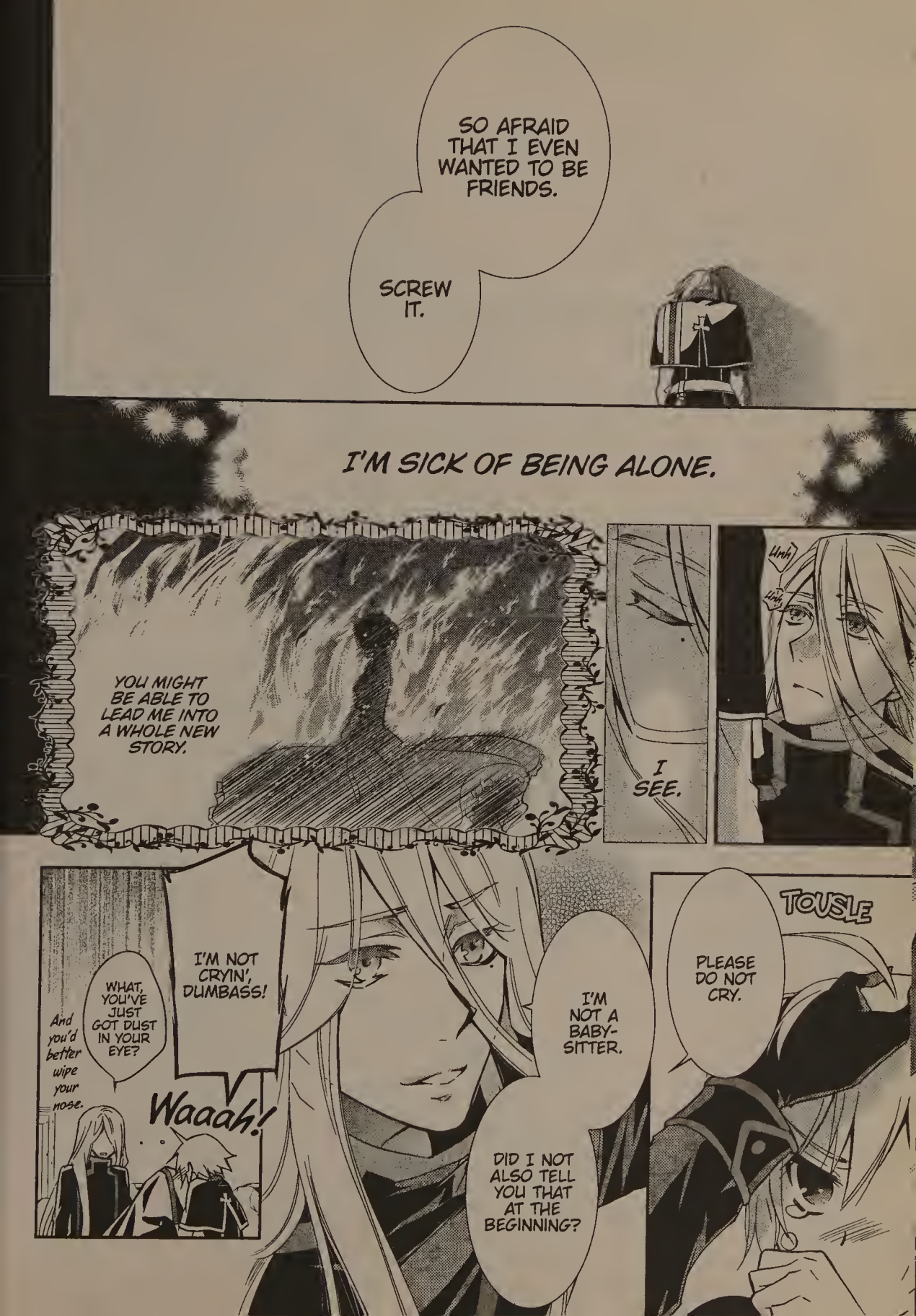
I AM STILL A MÄRCHEN DEMON THROUGH AND THROUGH.
IF I CANNOT DEFEAT MY OWN KIND...
THEN THERE IS NO NEED... FOR ME.
RRRRIP
WHAT--
NOW I CAN'T SEAL YOU UP.
SUCK ON THAT. I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU.
'CAUSE I'M A TOTAL SADIST.


PLEASE SEAL ME AWAY.
I WAITED FOR YOU IN THAT FIREPLACE FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS.
THE ONE WHO COULD DEFEAT THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS... THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD GRANT MY WISH--
MY LORD.
BUT...
I'M DONE.


BREMEN...
SNOW...
RAPUNZEL... AND YOU TOO, I BET.
YOU'RE EACH CARRYING AROUND YOUR OWN UNIQUE STORY.
TO JUST IGNORE THAT AND SEAL YOU UP...
I WON'T DO IT.
BUT YOU...
YOU COULD END THIS AS EASILY AS TURNING A PAGE.
I SAID I'M NOT GONNA DO IT, DIDN'T I?
WE'RE NOT REAL. JUST FAIRY TALES.
NOT TO ME YOU'RE NOT.
I COULDN'T ASK YOU ANYTHING...
BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID.

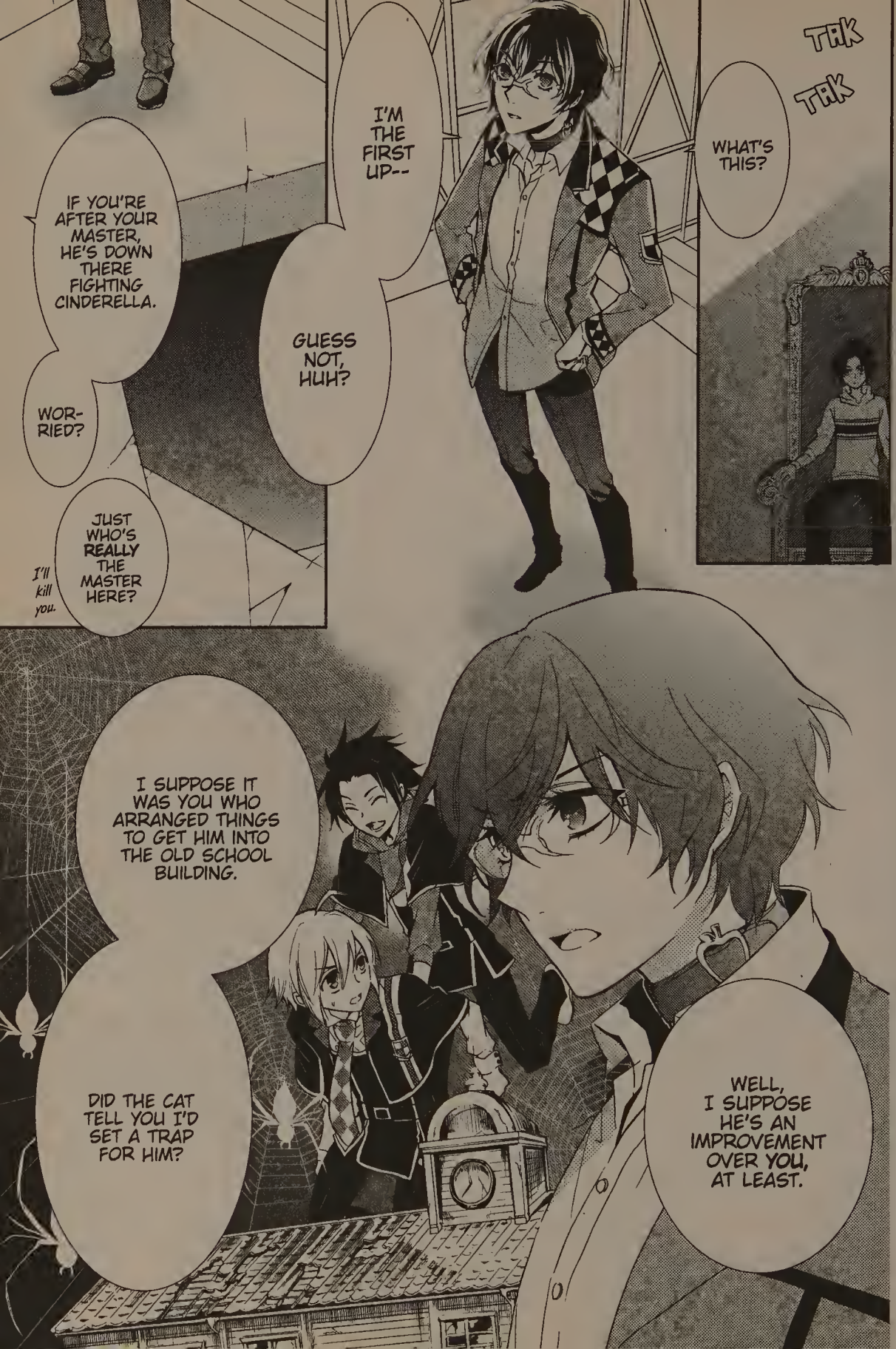

DON'T EVER SAY THAT YOU...
DON'T MATTER.

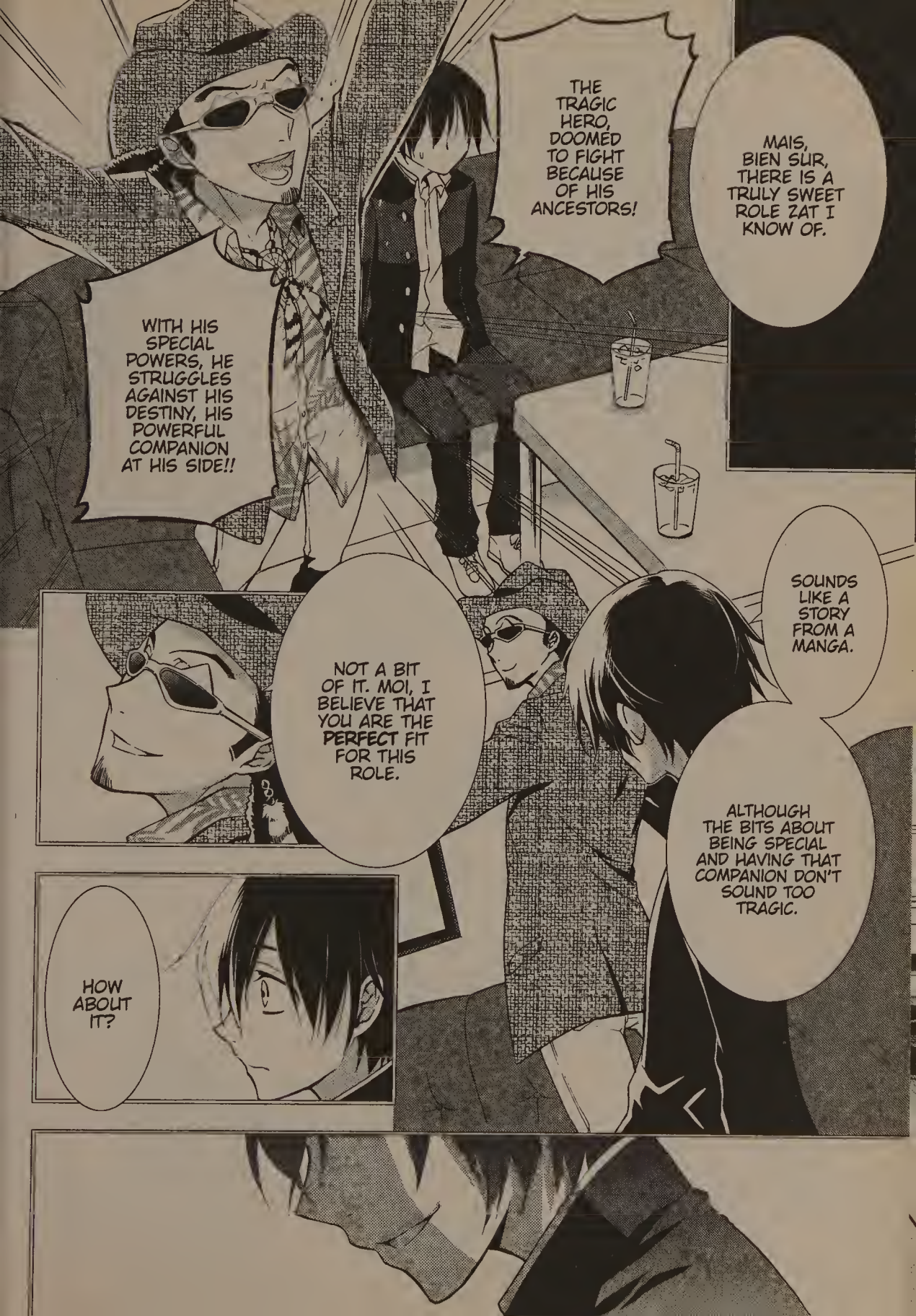

MON DIEU!
SO YOU'VE GONE AND MADE UP, HM?
THAT VOICE...
PUSS IN BOOTS!!
WITH THE FALSE PRINCE GONE, WE'RE MISSING A BIT PLAYER NOW, NON?
SEEMS LIKE HE WON'T BE MY INSURANCE EITHER.
INSUR-ANCE?
GRIMM!! HE'S...
SORIMACHI-SAN'S IN DANGER!!
GOTTA QUESTION FOR YOU.

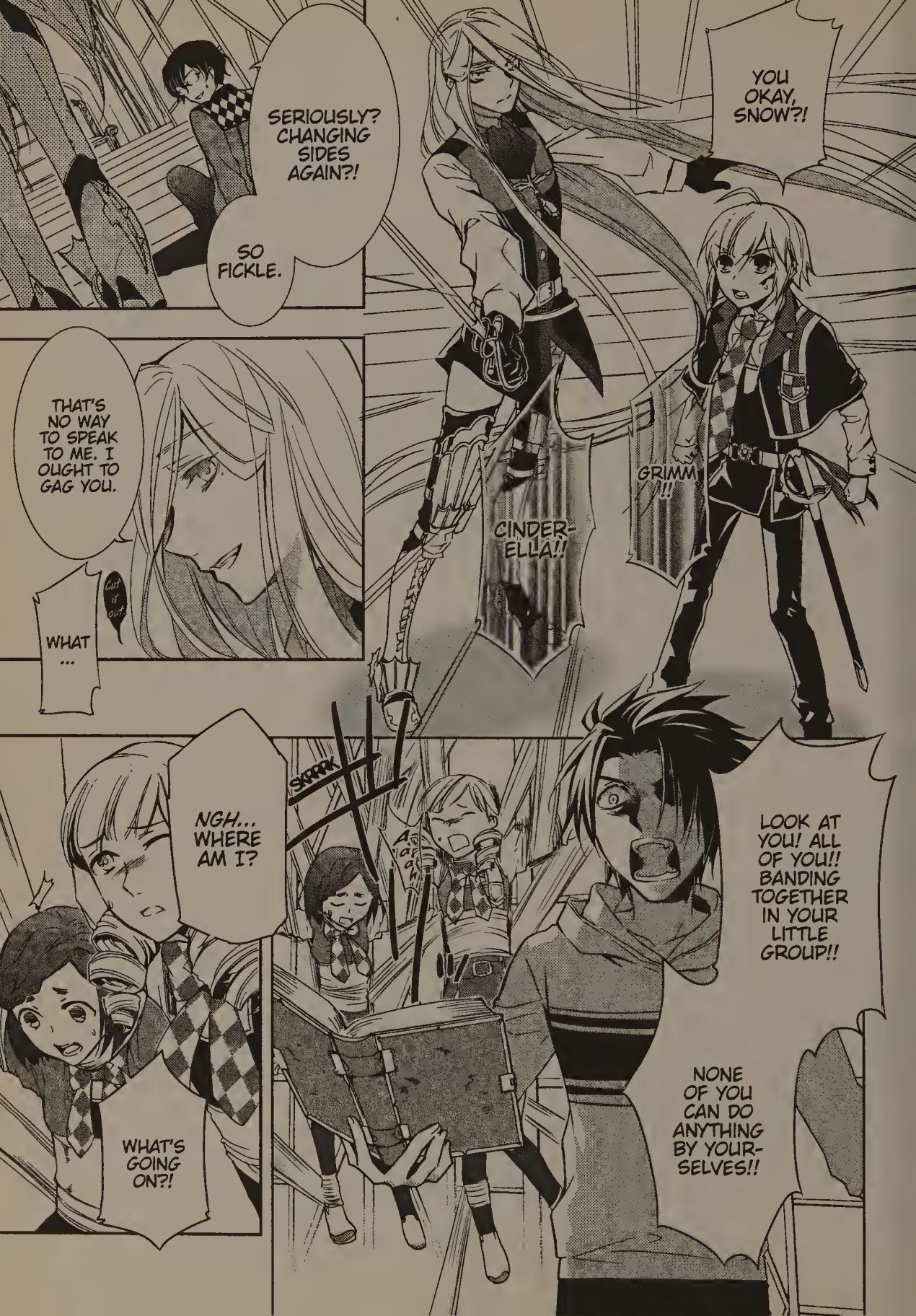

SO AFRAID THAT I EVEN WANTED TO BE FRIENDS.
SCREW IT.
I'M SICK OF BEING ALONE.
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEAD ME INTO A WHOLE NEW STORY.
I SEE.
Unh
Unh
PLEASE DO NOT CRY.
TOUSLE
I'M NOT A BABY-SITTER.
DID I NOT ALSO TELL YOU THAT AT THE BEGINNING?
I'M NOT CRYIN', DUMBASS!
WHAT, YOU'VE JUST GOT DUST IN YOUR EYE?
And you'd better wipe your nose.
Waaah!


GOD-DAMMIT!!
RING
SHALL I HELP YOU TO GET YOUR REVENGE?
GODDAMMIT.
CLENCH
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
YOU'RE AMAZING, NEKOTA-SAN!! AMAZING!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW EASY IT IS TO TAKE SOMEONE DOWN!!
HA HA! TAKE THAT! HUMILIATE ME, WILL YOU?!
MOI, I DID NOTHING SPECIAL.
ZE KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE TO HIT THEM WAS IN YOU ALL ALONG.
ALL I DID WAS ACT AS PRODUCER, TO FREE YOU TO ATTACK THE RIGHT WAY.


HEY, SORIMACHI-KUN.
CAN YOU LEND ME SOME MONEY?
WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT.
AND WE'RE FRIENDS. SO YOU'LL SPOT US, RIGHT?
BUT... YOU'VE NEVER PAID ME BA--
OH, YEAH?
HEH HEH. THANKS AGAIN.
YOU'RE THE BEST, SORIMACHI-KUN.
EEP!


TAK
TAK
WHAT'S THIS?
I'M THE FIRST UP--
GUESS NOT, HUH?
IF YOU'RE AFTER YOUR MASTER, HE'S DOWN THERE FIGHTING CINDERELLA.
WOR-RIED?
JUST WHO'S REALLY THE MASTER HERE?
I'll kill you.
I SUPPOSE IT WAS YOU WHO ARRANGED THINGS TO GET HIM INTO THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING.
DID THE CAT TELL YOU I'D SET A TRAP FOR HIM?
WELL, I SUPPOSE HE'S AN IMPROVEMENT OVER YOU, AT LEAST.


THE TRAGIC HERO, DOOMED TO FIGHT BECAUSE OF HIS ANCESTORS!
MAIS, BIEN SÛR, THERE IS A TRULY SWEET ROLE ZAT I KNOW OF.
WITH HIS SPECIAL POWERS, HE STRUGGLES AGAINST HIS DESTINY, HIS POWERFUL COMPANION AT HIS SIDE!!
SOUNDS LIKE A STORY FROM A MANGA.
NOT A BIT OF IT. MOI, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE PERFECT FIT FOR THIS ROLE.
ALTHOUGH THE BITS ABOUT BEING SPECIAL AND HAVING THAT COMPANION DON'T SOUND TOO TRAGIC.
HOW ABOUT IT?


SERIOUSLY? CHANGING SIDES AGAIN?!
SO FICKLE.
YOU OKAY, SNOW?!
GRIMM!!
CINDER-ELLA!!
THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO ME. I OUGHT TO GAG YOU.
Cut it out.
WHAT...
SKRRRK
Aaaah
NGH... WHERE AM I?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
LOOK AT YOU! ALL OF YOU!! BANDING TOGETHER IN YOUR LITTLE GROUP!!
NONE OF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING BY YOUR-SELVES!!

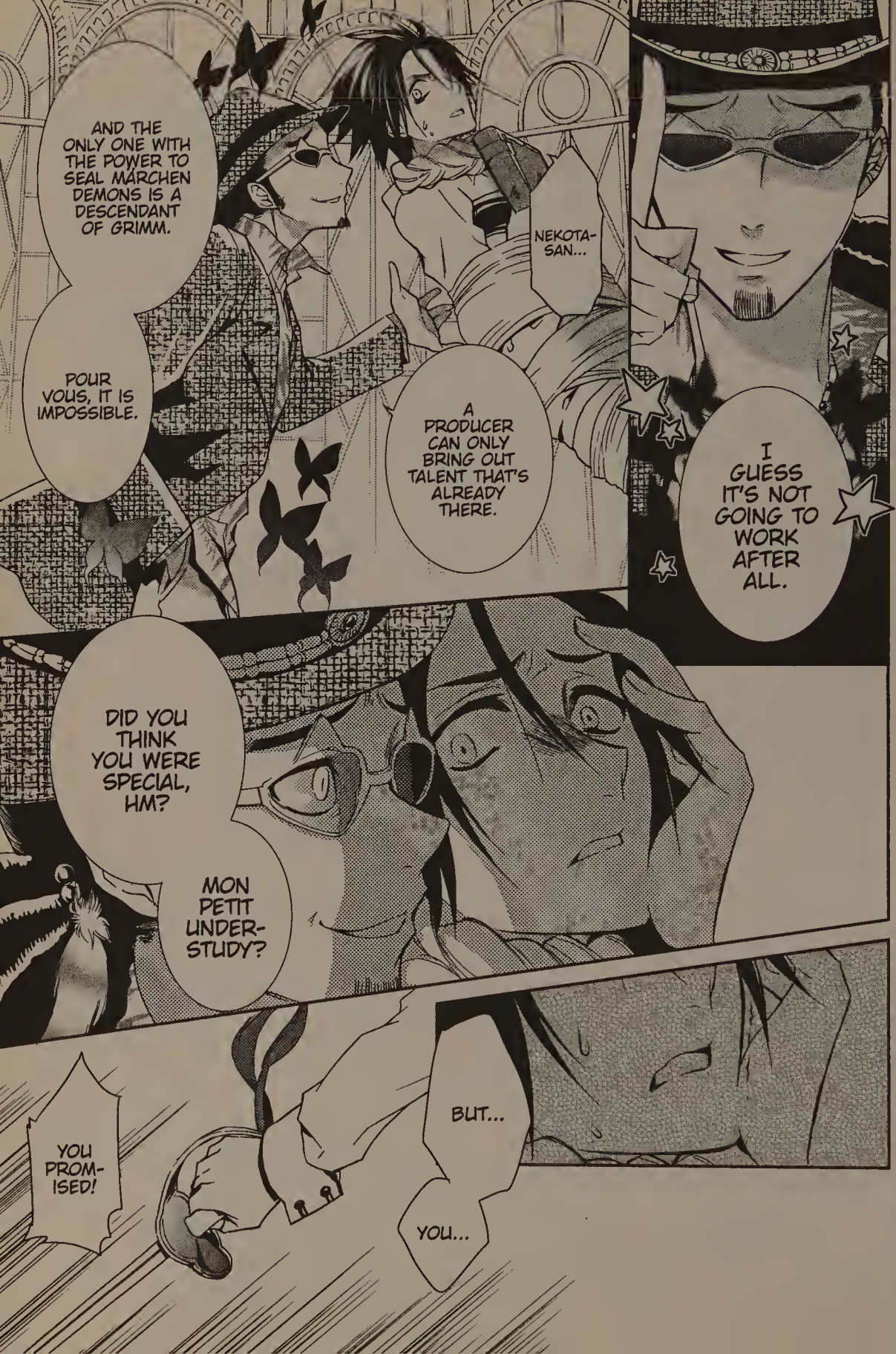

DING DING DING!
I WAS HOPING YOU'D TAKE CARE OF OTOGI FOR ME THEN.
GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED SO MUCH FROM A LOSER LIKE YOU.
HEY!
THRMP
RAPUN-ZEL! LET DOWN YOUR HAIR!!
DAMMIT! HER AGAIN?!
YOU STUB-BORN --!
HWWP


AMAZON!!
STOP CALLING ME "AMAZON"! MY NAME IS HIYORI!!
THUMP!
WHOOMP
Ow!


SORI-MACHI! STOP!!
LET THEM GO!!
I'LL LET 'EM GO.
SURE.
SHFF
AAAAAAAAAH!
NOW!!


I REALLY WAS HAPPY.
WE'RE FRIENDS.
SORI-MACHI.
YOU TOLD ME WE WERE FRIENDS...
SO I NEVER ASKED YOU ANYTHIN' ABOUT YOURSELF.
I WAS HAPPY... I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME.
SORRY.
WHAT?


SORI-MACHI-KUN.
OMIGOD! HIYORI?!
WHAT IS GOING ON?!
AND WHEN DID YOU GET SO BAD-ASS?!
OH! UM...
I'VE NEVER WANTED THESE GIRLS TO DISAPPEAR.
I DON'T ALWAYS SAY IT WELL, BUT...
HIYORI...
THE TRUTH IS, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP AND SAY WE'RE FRIENDS FOR REAL.
I'M SOR-RY...
I'M SORRY. WE--
I MADE MY FIRST GIRL FRIENDS.


AND THE ONLY ONE WITH THE POWER TO SEAL MÄRCHEN DEMONS IS A DESCENDANT OF GRIMM.
POUR VOUS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
NEKOTA-SAN...
A PRODUCER CAN ONLY BRING OUT TALENT THAT'S ALREADY THERE.
I GUESS IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK AFTER ALL.
DID YOU THINK YOU WERE SPECIAL, HM?
MON PETIT UNDER-STUDY?
BUT...
YOU...
YOU PROM-ISED!

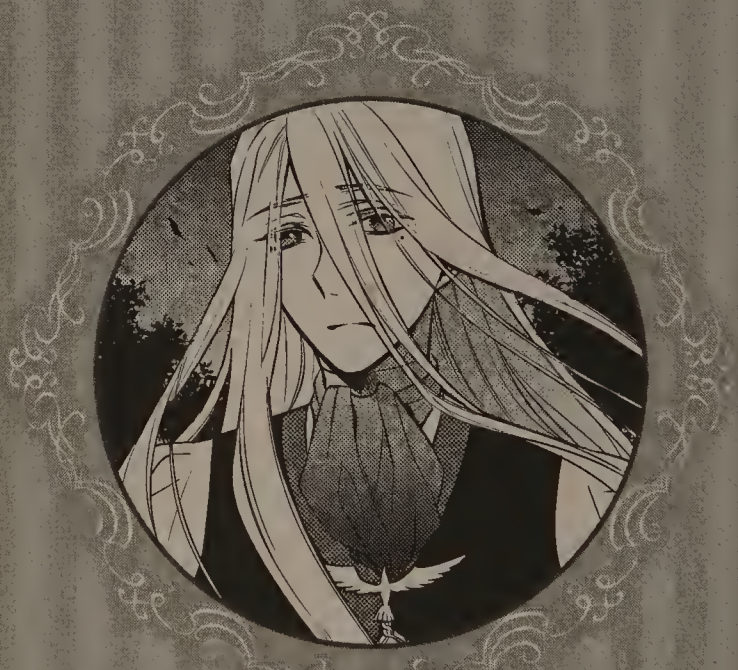

GRIMM !!
DON'T ATTACK HIM!
TAKE HIM, RAPUN-ZEL!!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH! KILL THEM ALL!!
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?!
DO YOU NOT GET WHO YOU ARE HERE?! YOU'RE THE BIT PLAYER!!
Heh
Heh
RAPUNZEL?
?!
SHRRRK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
OBEY MY ORDERS, RAPUN--
QUEL DOM-MAGE.


LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH PUSS IN BOOTS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE!
BAMPF
WHEN I'VE GOT SOMETHING POUR VOUS, I'LL CALL YOU.
I'D PLANNED ON TAKING YOUR HEART AFTER THE DOUBLE-BILLING LEFT YOU SANS POWER.
BUT IT SEEMS YOU ARE GOING TO BE A TRICKY CLIENT.
QUIT MESSING AROUND!! WAIT FOR ME!!
OTOGI-KUN, SORIMACHI-KUN'S--
SQUEEZE
KRRK
KRRK
AAAAAAAAH!
SORI-MACHI!! GIVE ME THE BOOK!!
MAYBE RAPUNZEL WILL LISTEN TO ME!
WH... WHY ...?!
YOU... YOU'RE--
HATE ME IF YOU WANT!!


HAHAHA
ATTACKING ME WON'T GET YOUR BOOK BACK!
WHOOPS!
PUSS IN BOOTS!! I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS!!
MEOW
MEOW
MEEOOW
HEY, NEKOTA HERE.
RIE-CHAN! WHY SO FRANTIC? YOU'RE RECORDING NOW, NON?
WHAT? YOU CAN'T SING ANY-MORE? PAS DE PROBLÈME! YOU HAVE TALENT-- YOU'LL BE FINE!
Hey.
You.
EXCUSEZ! WORK SUMMONS ME.
GET OFF THE PHONE, JERK!!
Do we even get a signal in here?!
HYOOO

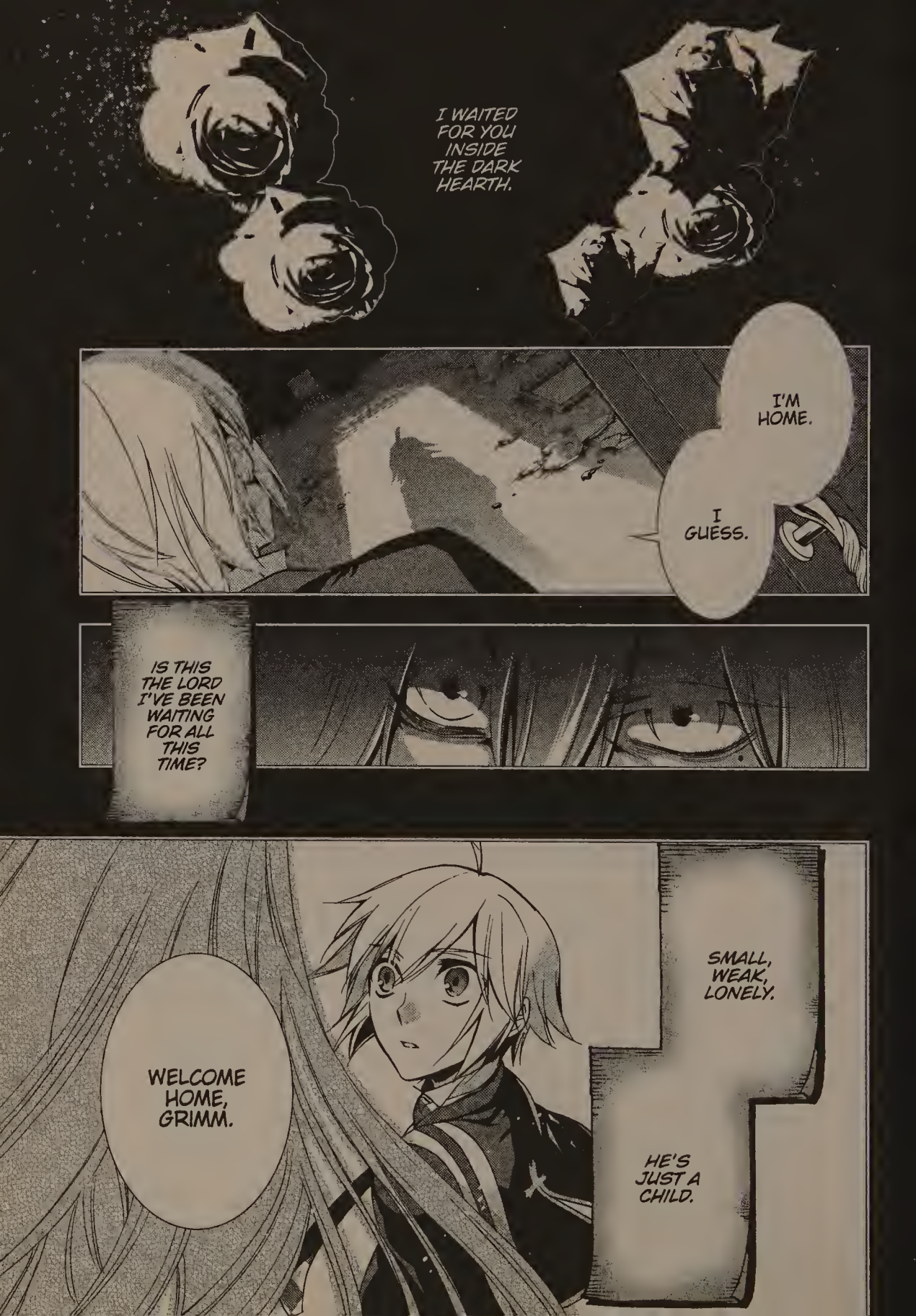

I WANTED SOMEONE TO HELP ME.
SO YOU JUST DECIDE TO SAVE ME...
YUP.
I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
I KNOW.


I JUST WANT TO HELP YOU!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT BIT PARTS AND HEROES!
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE TRUTH IS...



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THIS IS WHAT I HATE ABOUT YOU...!
IT'S OKAY IF YOU LIED 'BOUT THE FRIEND THING.

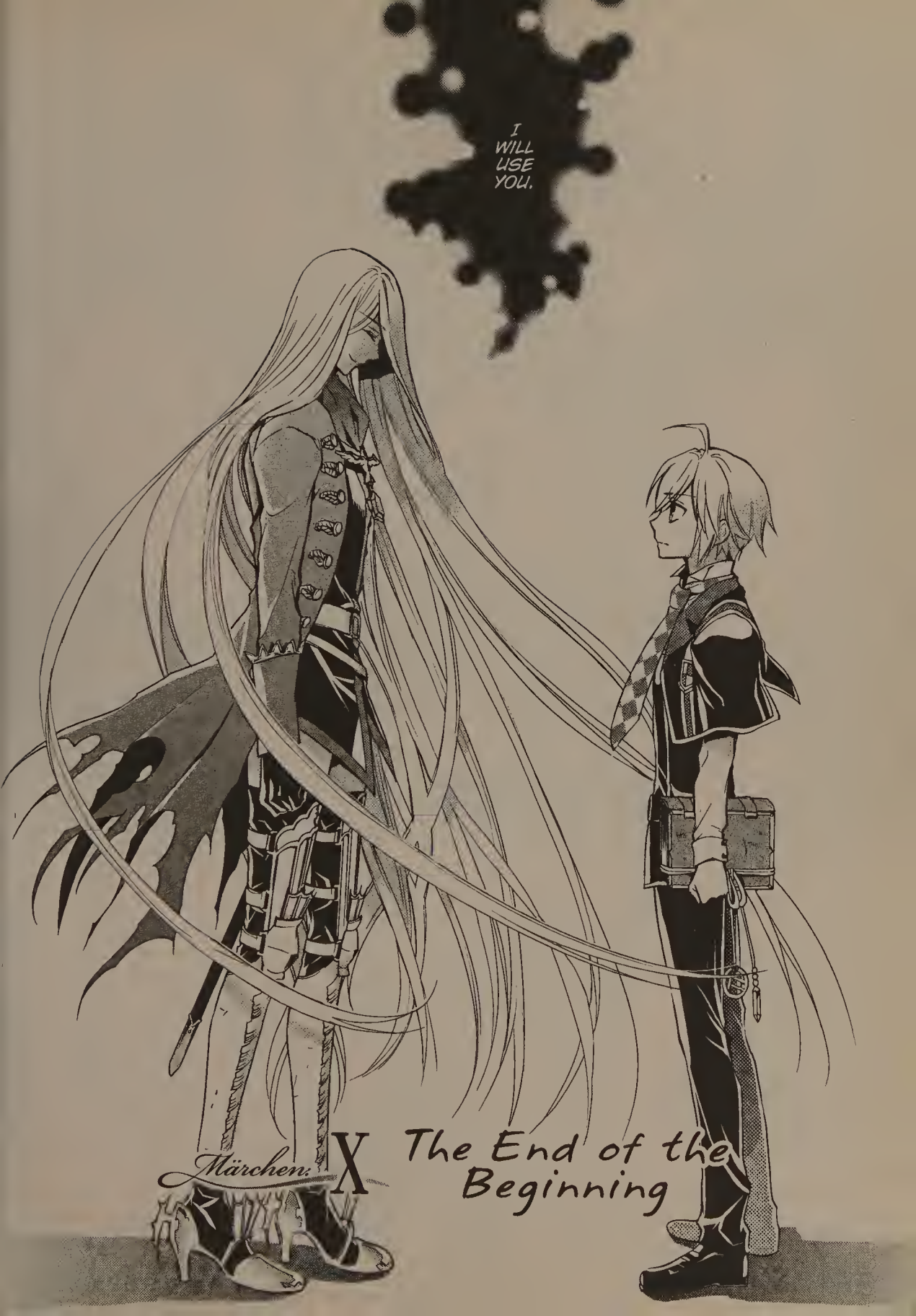

I WAITED FOR YOU INSIDE THE DARK HEARTH.
I'M HOME.
I GUESS.
IS THIS THE LORD I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR ALL THIS TIME?
SMALL, WEAK, LONELY.
HE'S JUST A CHILD.
WELCOME HOME, GRIMM.

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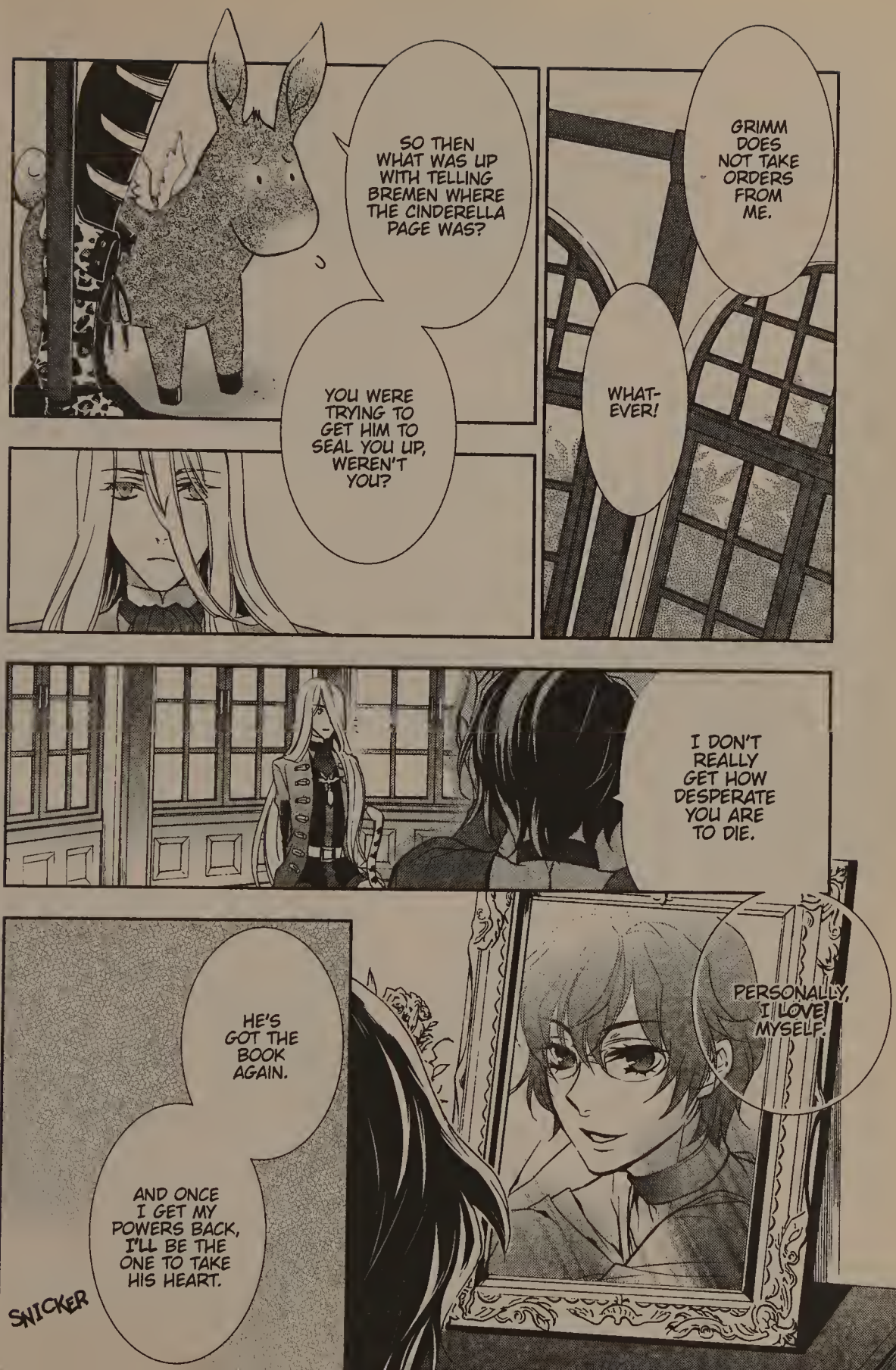


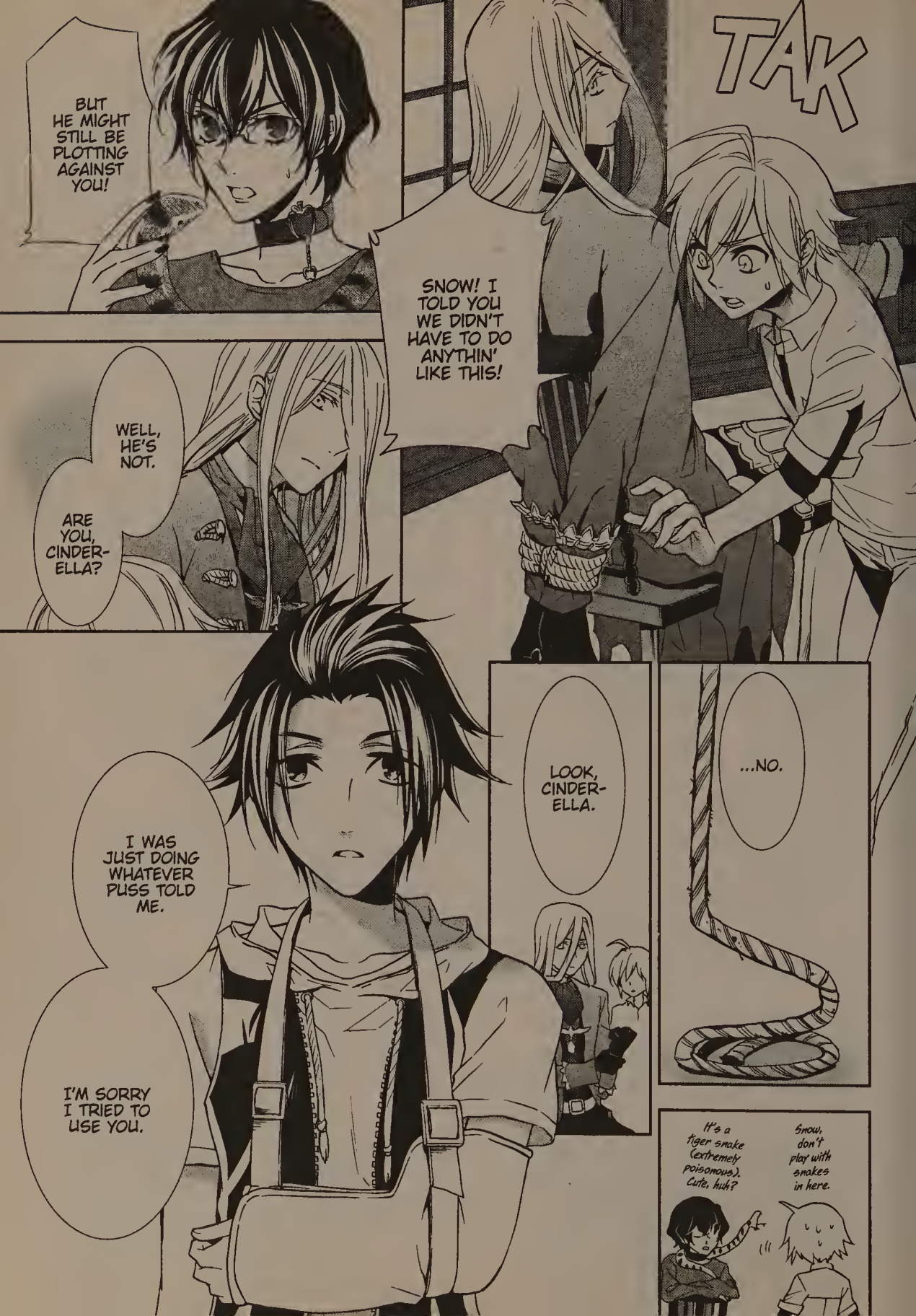

SKRRK
DON'T MAKE ANY FUNNY MOVES.
GETTING POISONED'S PRETTY PAINFUL FOR A MÄRCHEN DEMON.
SNOW WHITE, STOP MEOW. WHAT WOULD GRIMM SAY?
DON'T CARE. AND THIS GUY'S A DANGER.
HE'S PROBABLY PLOTTING TO MAKE GRIMM SEAL US UP AGAIN.
SHUT UP, YOU PERVERT!
I DON'T EXACTLY HATE PAIN.
Or being tied up.



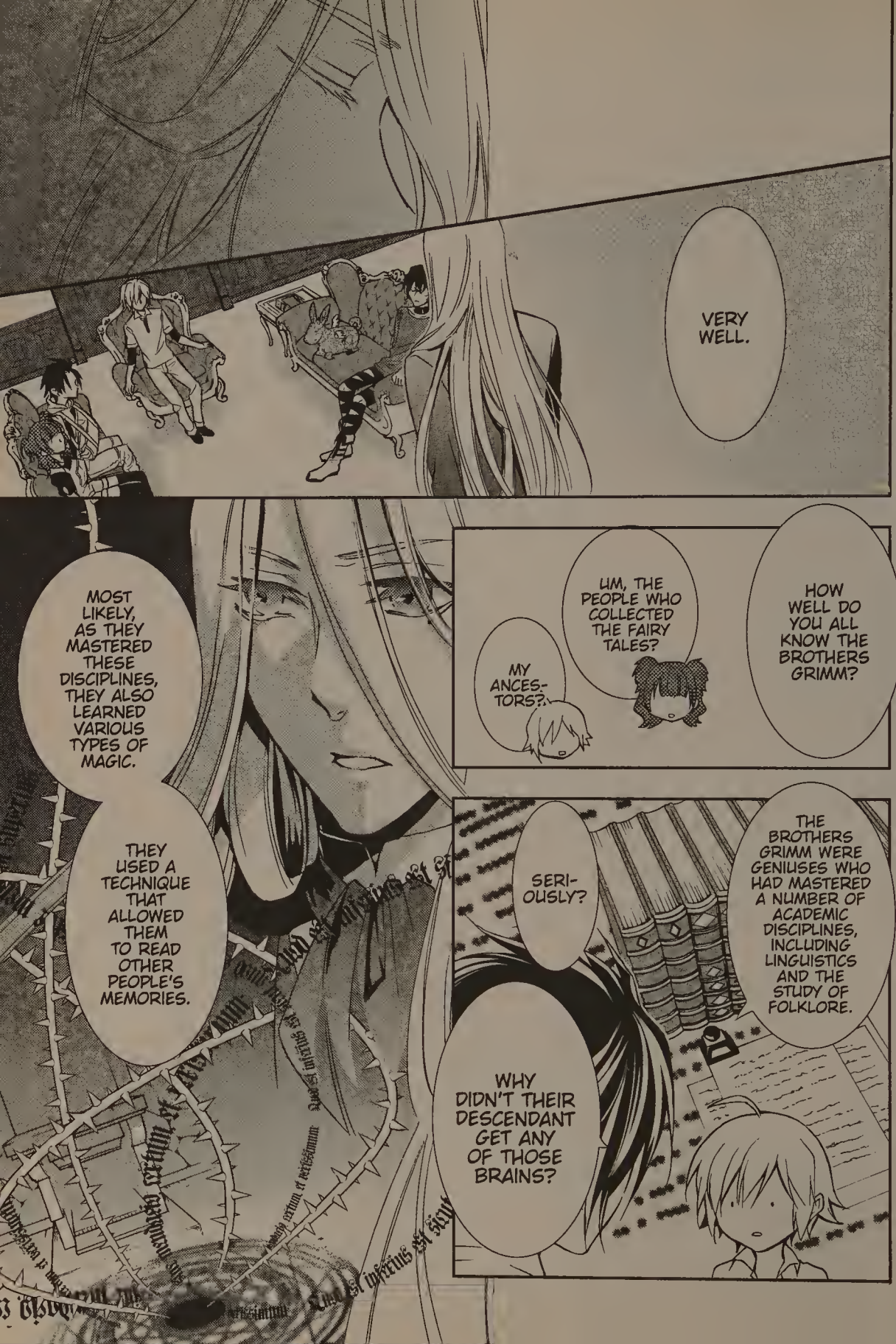

# Märchen. X The End of the Beginning


YOU'RE FINE WITH MIRRORS NOW, AREN'T YOU?
WERE THE GLASSES GRIMM'S IDEA?
HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING AT?
I WAS THINKING WHAT A TERRIBLE LIAR YOU ARE.
AND ALSO HOW UNLIKE YOU THIS IS.
YOU DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO TAKE GRIMM'S HEART ANYMORE, DO YOU?
BAM
BANG
GET WHAT READY? YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP.
HOLD ON! I NEED TO GET READY!

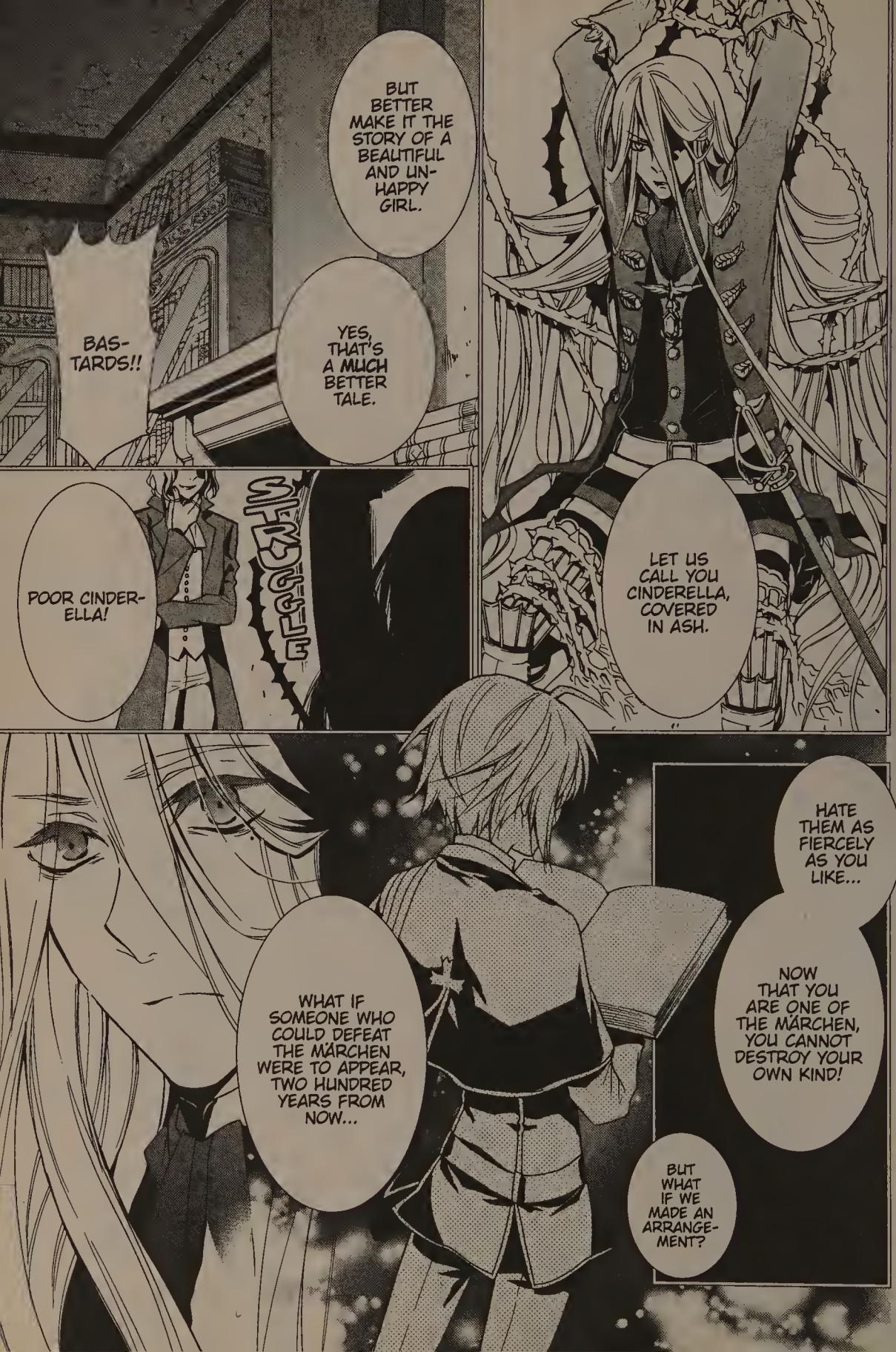

SO THEN WHAT WAS UP WITH TELLING BREMEN WHERE THE CINDERELLA PAGE WAS?
YOU WERE TRYING TO GET HIM TO SEAL YOU UP, WEREN'T YOU?
GRIMM DOES NOT TAKE ORDERS FROM ME.
WHAT-EVER!
I DON'T REALLY GET HOW DESPERATE YOU ARE TO DIE.
PERSONALLY, I LOVE MYSELF.
HE'S GOT THE BOOK AGAIN.
AND ONCE I GET MY POWERS BACK, I'LL BE THE ONE TO TAKE HIS HEART.
SNICKER

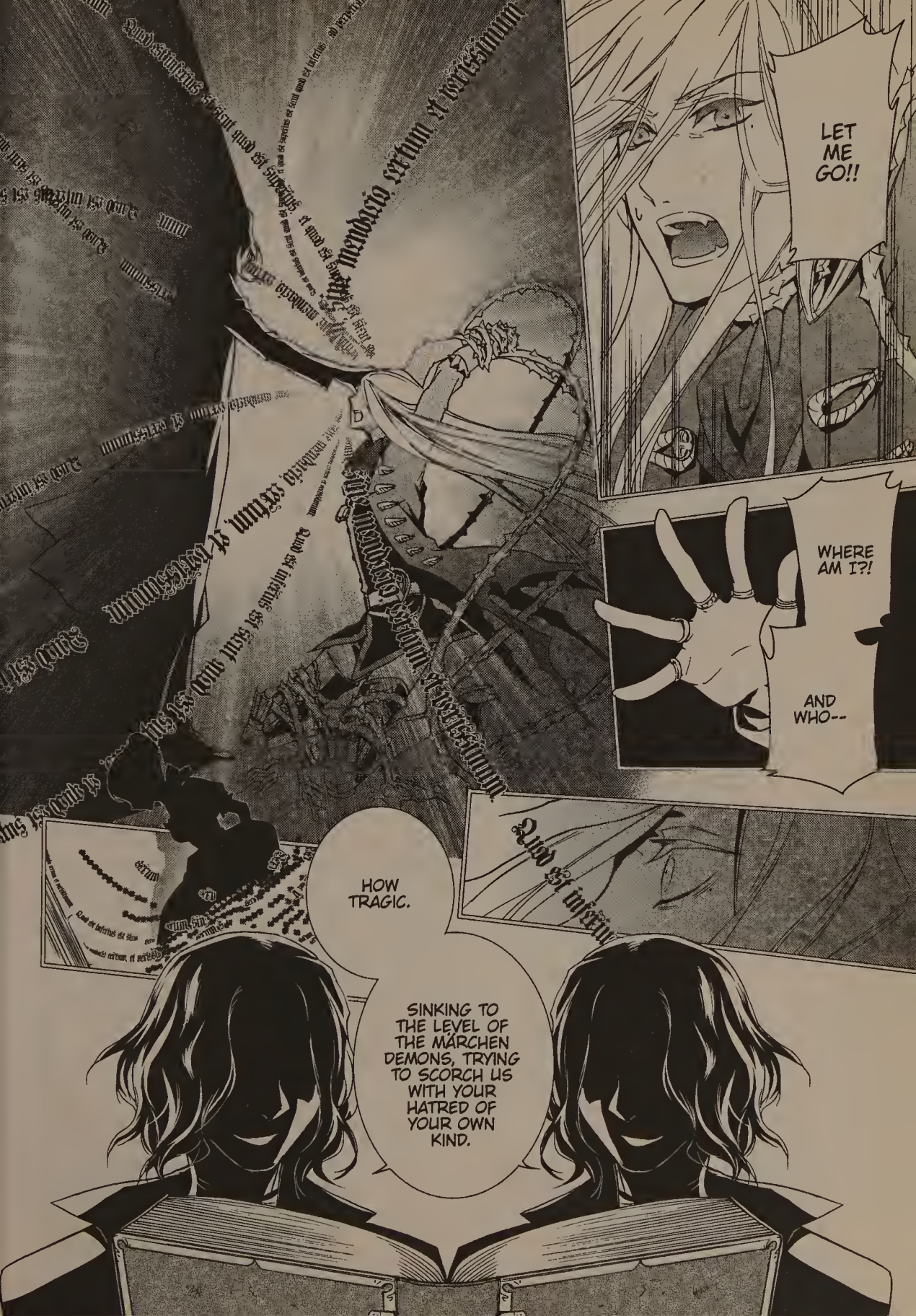

BUT HE MIGHT STILL BE PLOTTING AGAINST YOU!
TAK
SNOW! I TOLD YOU WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHIN' LIKE THIS!
WELL, HE'S NOT.
ARE YOU, CINDER-ELLA?
LOOK, CINDER-ELLA.
...NO.
I WAS JUST DOING WHATEVER PUSS TOLD ME.
I'M SORRY I TRIED TO USE YOU.
It's a tiger snake (extremely poisonous). Cute, huh?
Snow, don't play with snakes in here.

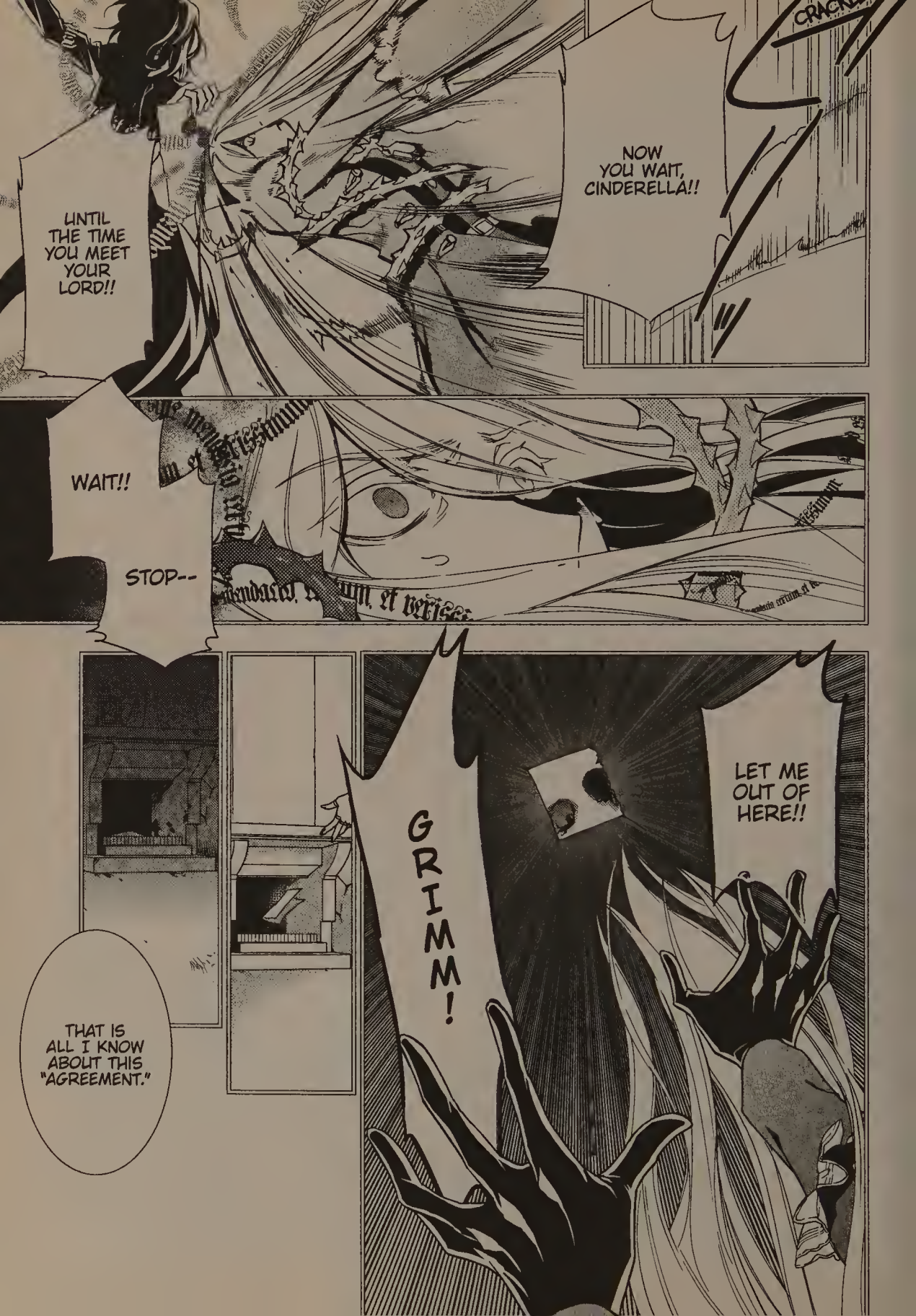

WHAM
Caught him in town.
HE SAYS HE DOESN'T WANNA TALK TO CINDERELLA, SO WE DRAGGED HIM DOWN HERE.
I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T WANNA TALK TO HIM!! IT'S JUST THE TIMIN'--
OH!

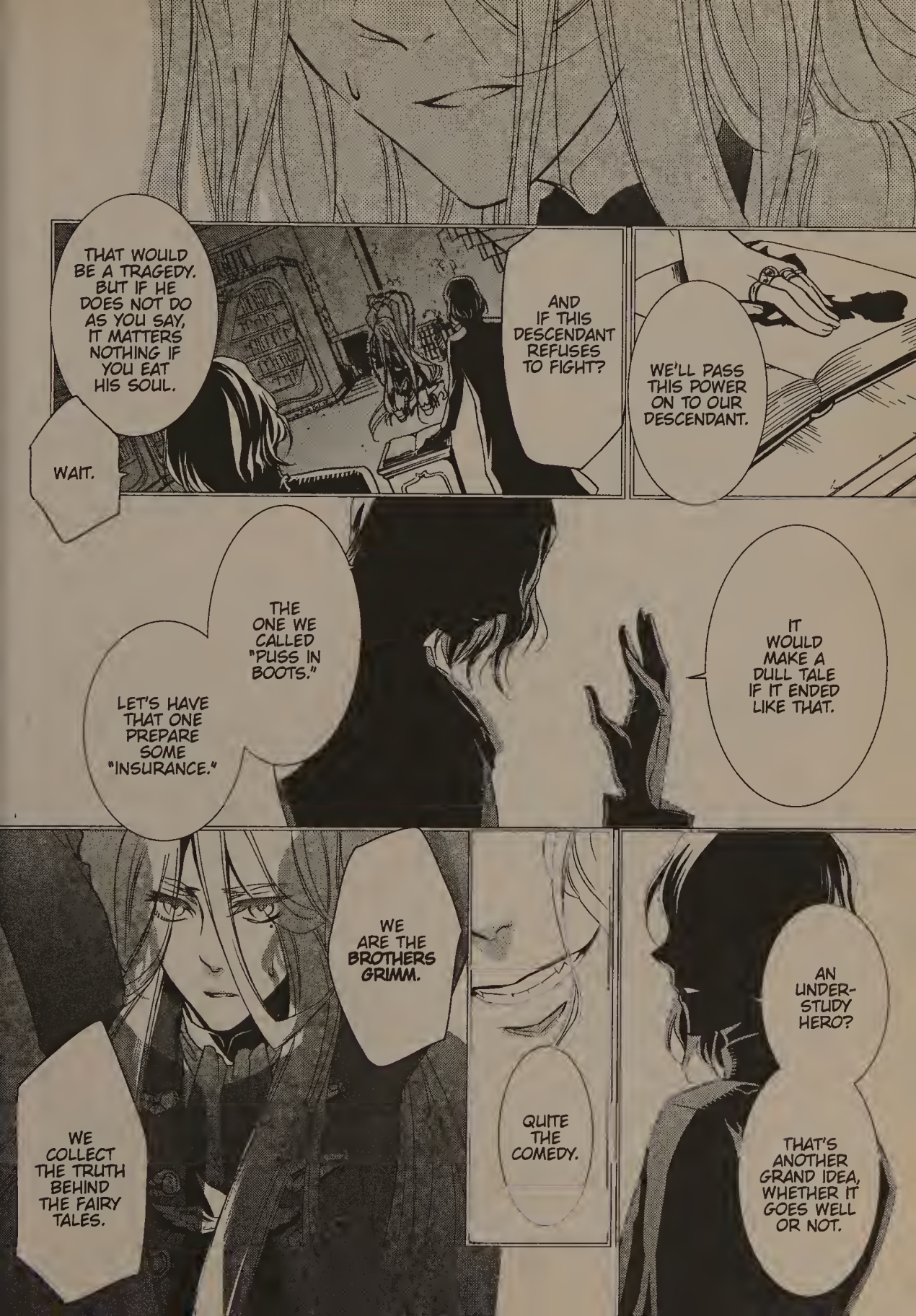

VERY WELL.
HOW WELL DO YOU ALL KNOW THE BROTHERS GRIMM?
UM, THE PEOPLE WHO COLLECTED THE FAIRY TALES?
MY ANCES-TORS?!
THE BROTHERS GRIMM WERE GENIUSES WHO HAD MASTERED A NUMBER OF ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING LINGUISTICS AND THE STUDY OF FOLKLORE.
SERI-OUSLY?
WHY DIDN'T THEIR DESCENDANT GET ANY OF THOSE BRAINS?
MOST LIKELY, AS THEY MASTERED THESE DISCIPLINES, THEY ALSO LEARNED VARIOUS TYPES OF MAGIC.
THEY USED A TECHNIQUE THAT ALLOWED THEM TO READ OTHER PEOPLE'S MEMORIES.

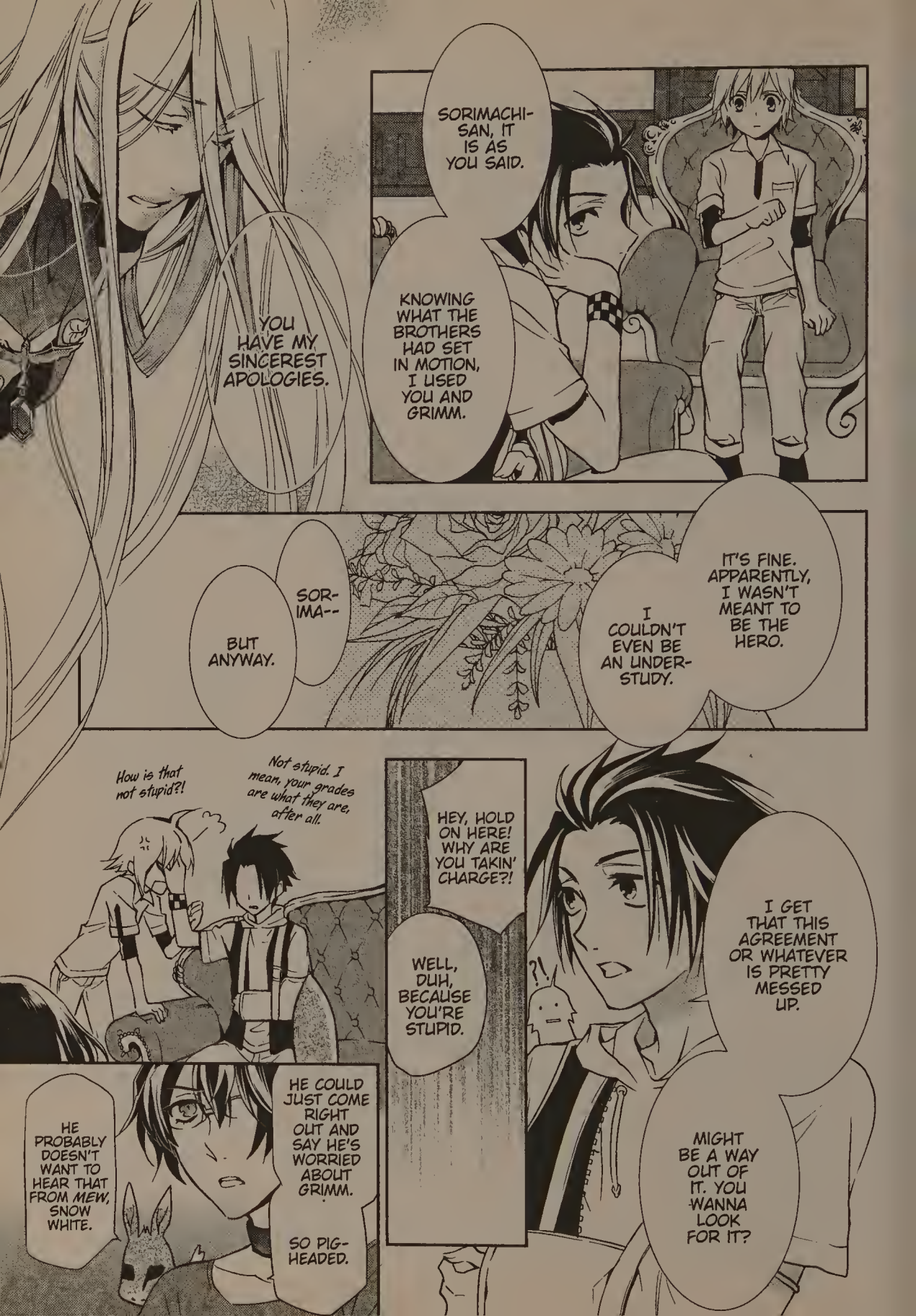

BUT YOU WERE TRYING TO USE ME, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU PROB'LY WANTED TO USE GRIMM, TOO.
FOR YOUR OWN PURPOSES.
CINDER-ELLA...
UP TO NOW, I DIDN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE THINKIN'.
NOW, WILL YOU TALK TO ME?
'BOUT THE AGREE-MENT.
'BOUT THE GUY WHO ORDERED YOU TO PROTECT ME.
TELL ME EVERYTHING.

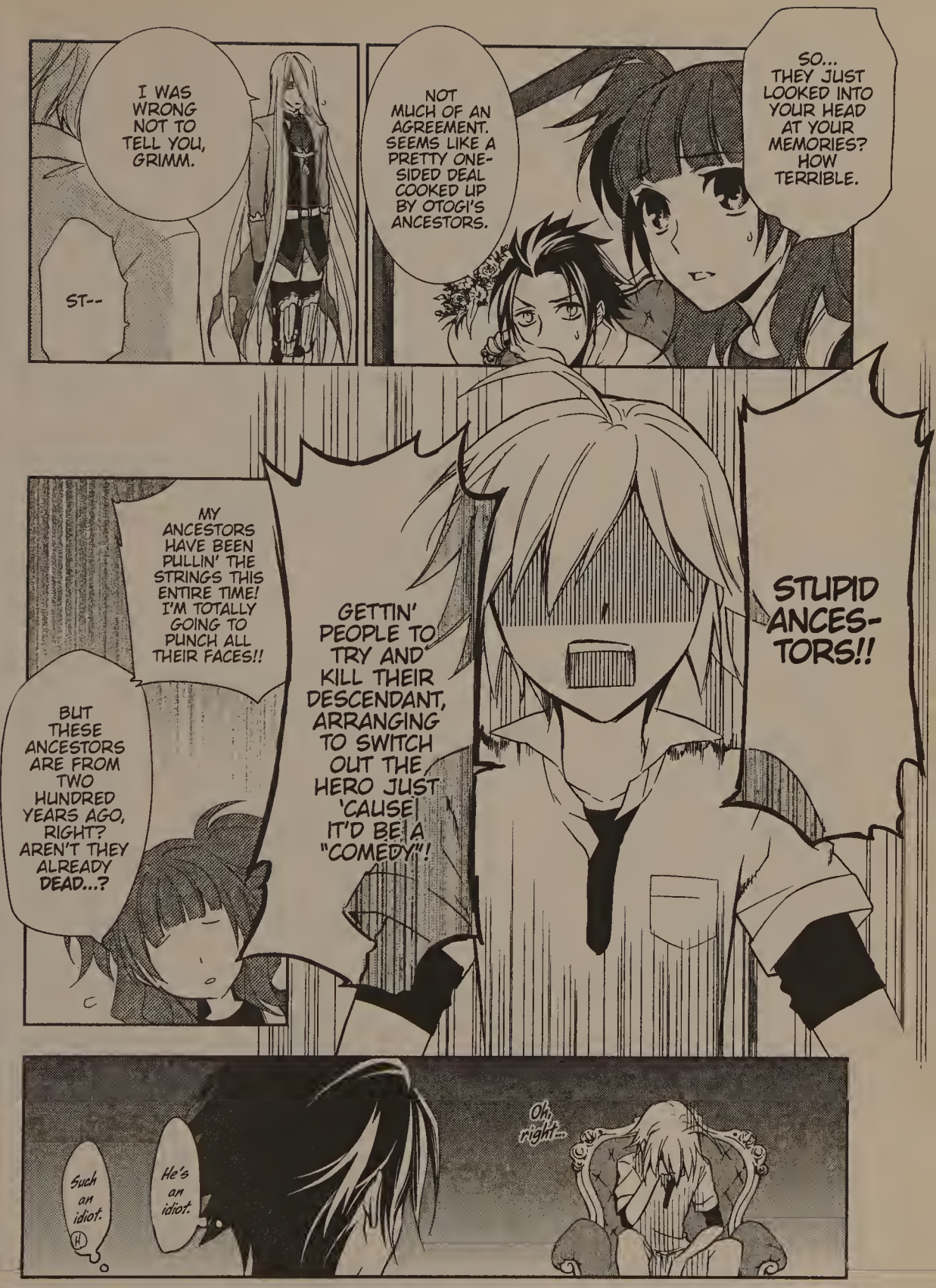

BUT BETTER MAKE IT THE STORY OF A BEAUTIFUL AND UN-HAPPY GIRL.
YES, THAT'S A MUCH BETTER TALE.
BAS-TARDS!!
SHUDDER
POOR CINDER-ELLA!
LET US CALL YOU CINDERELLA, COVERED IN ASH.
HATE THEM AS FIERCELY AS YOU LIKE...
NOW THAT YOU ARE ONE OF THE MÄRCHEN, YOU CANNOT DESTROY YOUR OWN KIND!
BUT WHAT IF WE MADE AN ARRANGE-MENT?
WHAT IF SOMEONE WHO COULD DEFEAT THE MÄRCHEN WERE TO APPEAR, TWO HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW...


LET ME GO!!
WHERE AM I?!
AND WHO--
HOW TRAGIC.
SINKING TO THE LEVEL OF THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS, TRYING TO SCORCH US WITH YOUR HATRED OF YOUR OWN KIND.

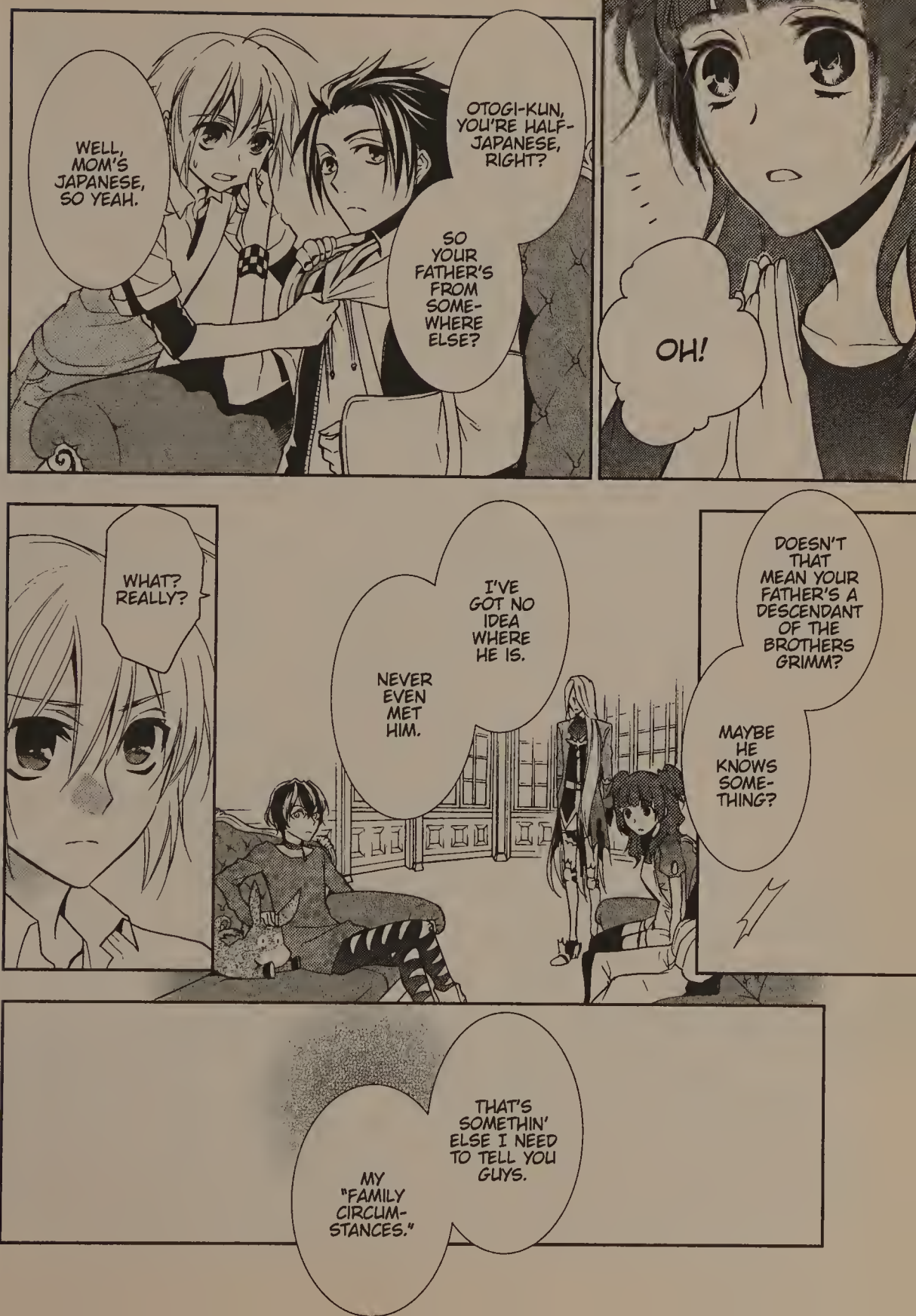

CRACK
NOW YOU WAIT, CINDERELLA!!
UNTIL THE TIME YOU MEET YOUR LORD!!
WAIT!!
STOP--
LET ME OUT OF HERE!!
GRIMM!
THAT IS ALL I KNOW ABOUT THIS "AGREEMENT."


WE'LL PASS THIS POWER ON TO OUR DESCENDANT.
AND IF THIS DESCENDANT REFUSES TO FIGHT?
THAT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY. BUT IF HE DOES NOT DO AS YOU SAY, IT MATTERS NOTHING IF YOU EAT HIS SOUL.
WAIT.
IT WOULD MAKE A DULL TALE IF IT ENDED LIKE THAT.
THE ONE WE CALLED "PUSS IN BOOTS."
LET'S HAVE THAT ONE PREPARE SOME "INSURANCE."
AN UNDER-STUDY HERO?
THAT'S ANOTHER GRAND IDEA, WHETHER IT GOES WELL OR NOT.
QUITE THE COMEDY.
WE ARE THE BROTHERS GRIMM.
WE COLLECT THE TRUTH BEHIND THE FAIRY TALES.

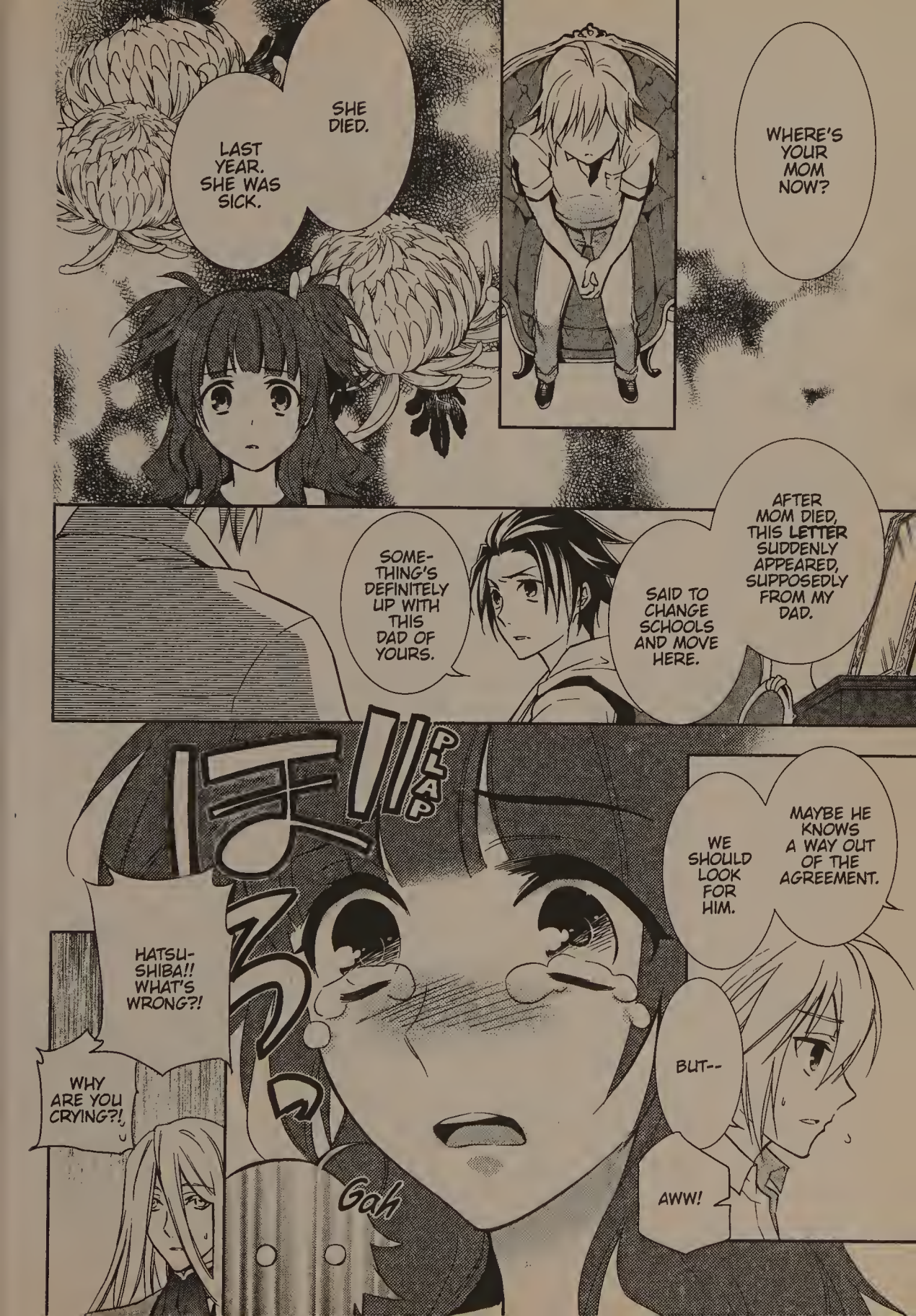

SORIMACHI-SAN, IT IS AS YOU SAID.
KNOWING WHAT THE BROTHERS HAD SET IN MOTION, I USED YOU AND GRIMM.
YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES.
IT'S FINE. APPARENTLY, I WASN'T MEANT TO BE THE HERO.
I COULDN'T EVEN BE AN UNDER-STUDY.
SOR-IMA--
BUT ANYWAY.
I GET THAT THIS AGREEMENT OR WHATEVER IS PRETTY MESSED UP.
MIGHT BE A WAY OUT OF IT. YOU WANNA LOOK FOR IT?
?!
HEY, HOLD ON HERE! WHY ARE YOU TAKIN' CHARGE?!
WELL, DUH, BECAUSE YOU'RE STUPID.
How is that not stupid?!
Not stupid. I mean, your grades are what they are, after all.
HE COULD JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND SAY HE'S WORRIED ABOUT GRIMM.
SO PIG-HEADED.
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM MEW, SNOW WHITE.


I WAS WRONG NOT TO TELL YOU, GRIMM.
ST--
NOT MUCH OF AN AGREEMENT. SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY ONE-SIDED DEAL COOKED UP BY OTOGI'S ANCESTORS.
SO... THEY JUST LOOKED INTO YOUR HEAD AT YOUR MEMORIES? HOW TERRIBLE.
STUPID ANCES-TORS!!
GETTIN' PEOPLE TO TRY AND KILL THEIR DESCENDANT, ARRANGING TO SWITCH OUT THE HERO JUST 'CAUSE IT'D BE A "COMEDY"!
MY ANCESTORS HAVE BEEN PULLIN' THE STRINGS THIS ENTIRE TIME! I'M TOTALLY GOING TO PUNCH ALL THEIR FACES!!
BUT THESE ANCESTORS ARE FROM TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, RIGHT? AREN'T THEY ALREADY DEAD...?
Oh, right...
He's an idiot.
Such an idiot.


I TOLD YOU 'BOUT HOW I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CHANGING SCHOOLS, RIGHT, SORIMACHI?
OR, WELL, WHAT LITTLE I KNOW ABOUT 'EM.
YEAH.
EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE BEEN BOUNCIN' FROM PLACE TO PLACE WITH MOM.
NOT KNOWIN' ANY OF THE REASONS BEHIND IT.
AND I HAD THIS FEELIN' THAT I SHOULDN'T DIG TOO DEEP, SO I NEVER ASKED.
BUT...
FIGURED WE WERE RUNNIN' FROM SOMETHING.
FROM US?
MAYBE... COULD THAT HAVE BEEN IT?
.....?
SOME-THING'S BUGGIN' ME.
WHAT WAS IT...

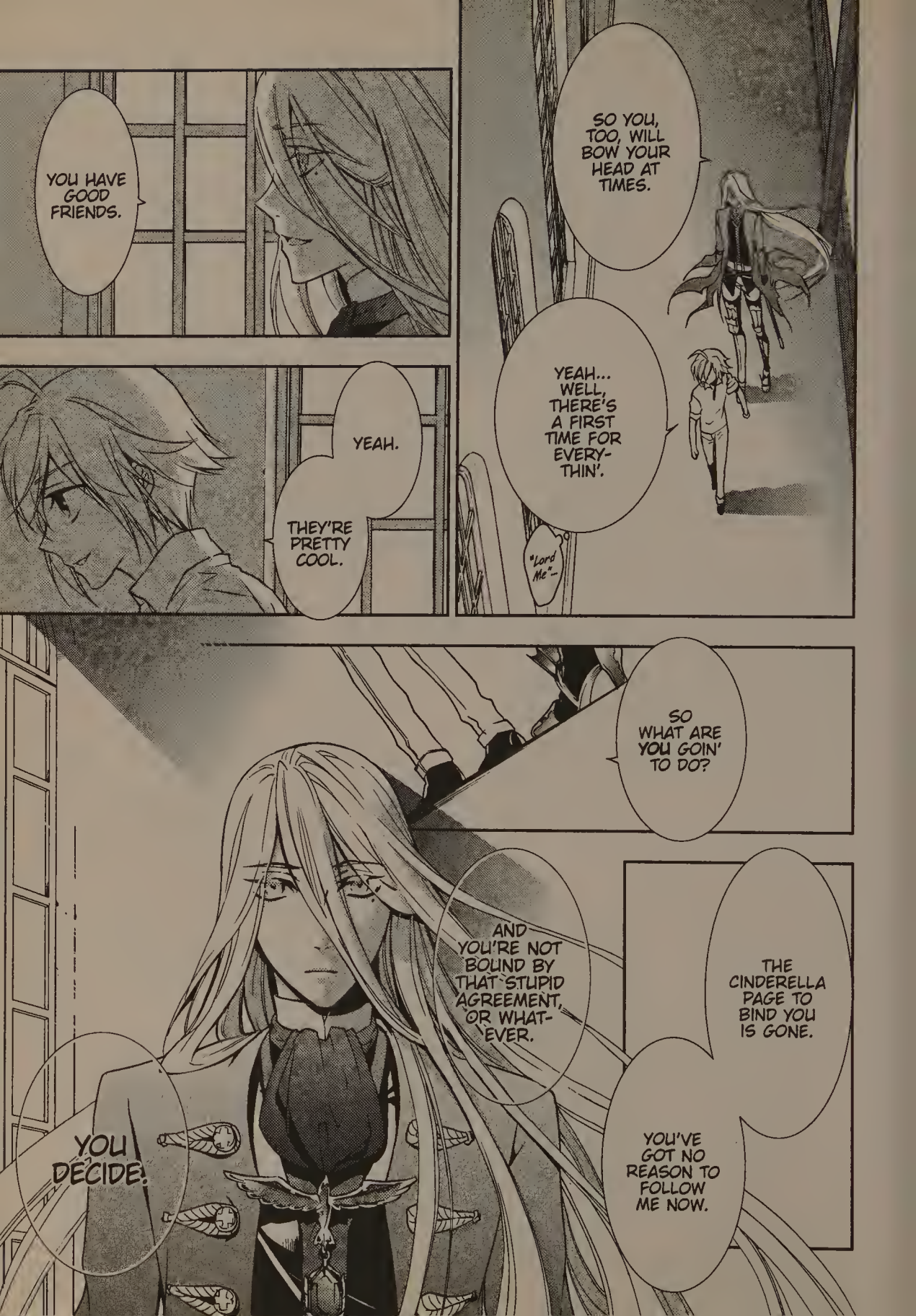

OTOGI-KUN, YOU'RE HALF-JAPANESE, RIGHT?
WELL, MOM'S JAPANESE, SO YEAH.
SO YOUR FATHER'S FROM SOME-WHERE ELSE?
OH!
DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOUR FATHER'S A DESCENDANT OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM?
WHAT? REALLY?
I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHERE HE IS.
NEVER EVEN MET HIM.
MAYBE HE KNOWS SOME-THING?
THAT'S SOMETHIN' ELSE I NEED TO TELL YOU GUYS.
MY "FAMILY CIRCUM-STANCES."


I-IT'S JUST I FEEL BAD FOR YOU, OTOGI-KUN.
YOUR MOM DIED...
AND YOU'VE NEVER EVEN MET YOUR DAD.
DON'T CRY.
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T WANNA MEET MY DAD.
WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IF I DID MEET HIM NOW. IT'S TOO LATE!


WHERE'S YOUR MOM NOW?
SHE DIED.
LAST YEAR. SHE WAS SICK.
AFTER MOM DIED, THIS LETTER SUDDENLY APPEARED, SUPPOSEDLY FROM MY DAD.
SAID TO CHANGE SCHOOLS AND MOVE HERE.
SOME-THING'S DEFINITELY UP WITH THIS DAD OF YOURS.
MAYBE HE KNOWS A WAY OUT OF THE AGREEMENT.
WE SHOULD LOOK FOR HIM.
BUT--
AWW!
FLAP
Gah
HATSU-SHIBA!! WHAT'S WRONG?!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!

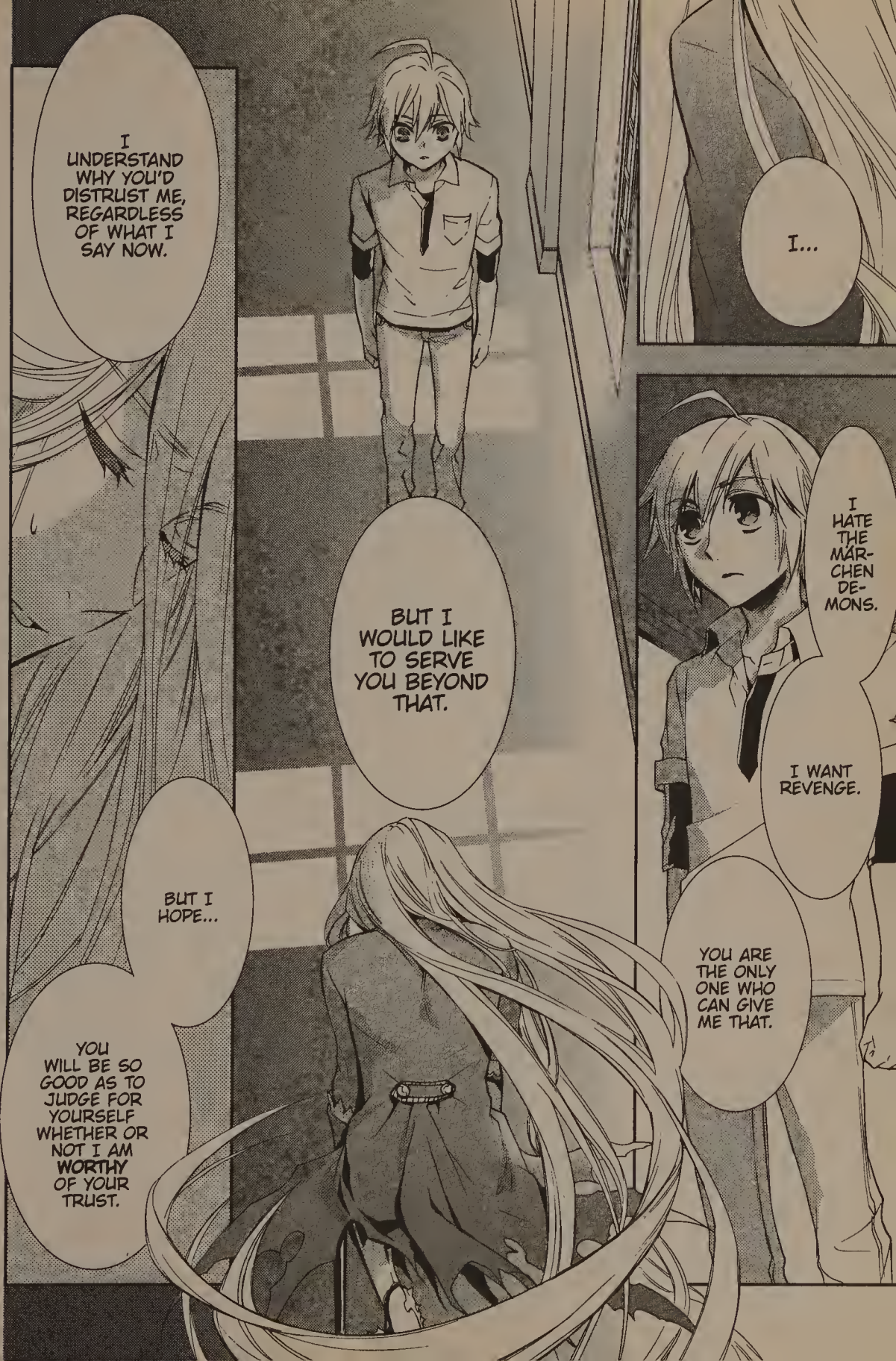

I NEED YOUR HELP.
I'M PRETTY USELESS ON MY OWN.
PLEASE.

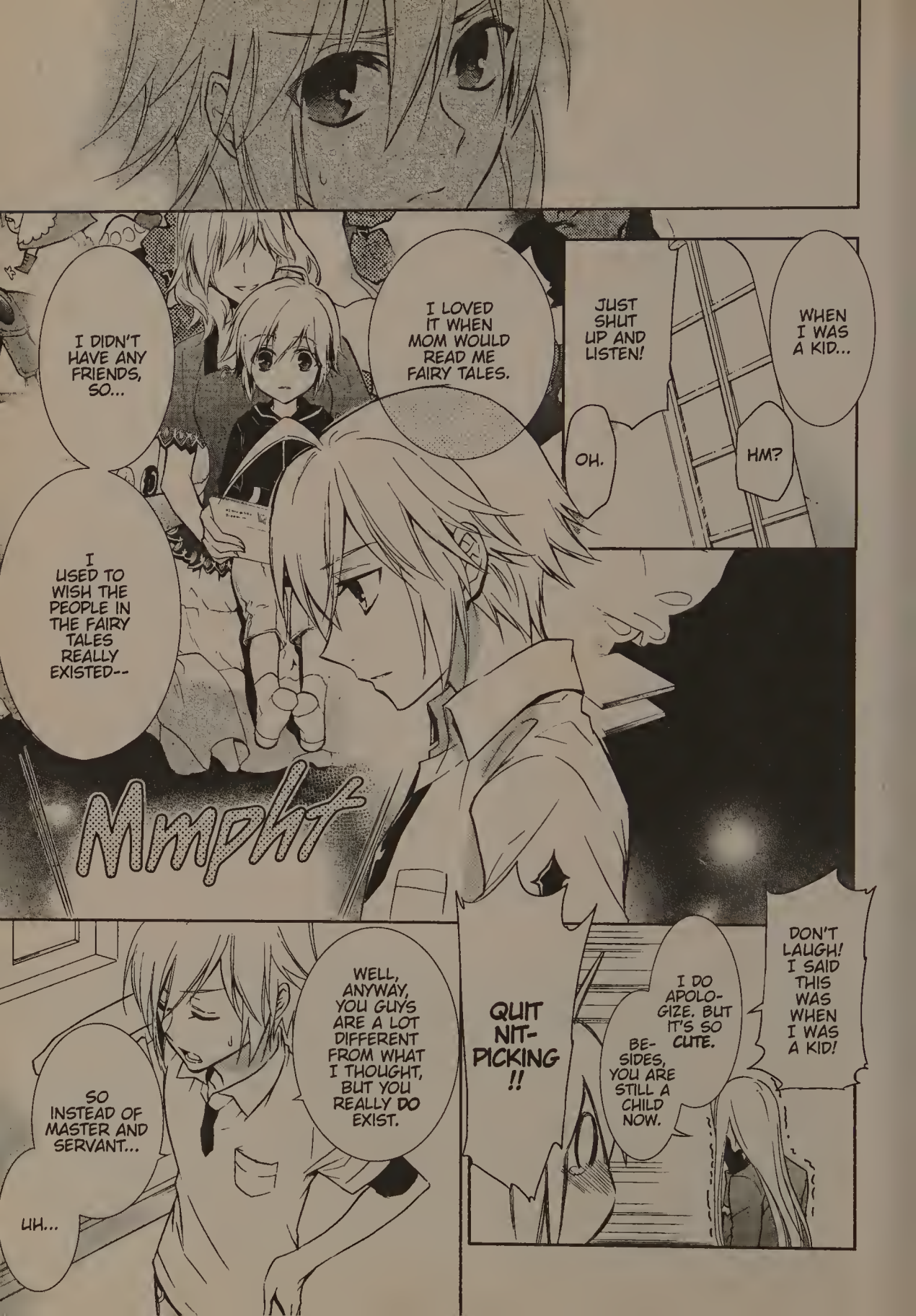

BUT I DON'T WANNA PUT MY FRIENDS IN ANY MORE DANGER BECAUSE OF SOME STUPID DEAL MADE BY MY ANCESTORS.
WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT OF IT.
I'LL FIND MY FATHER FOR THAT.
WHICH IS WHY...

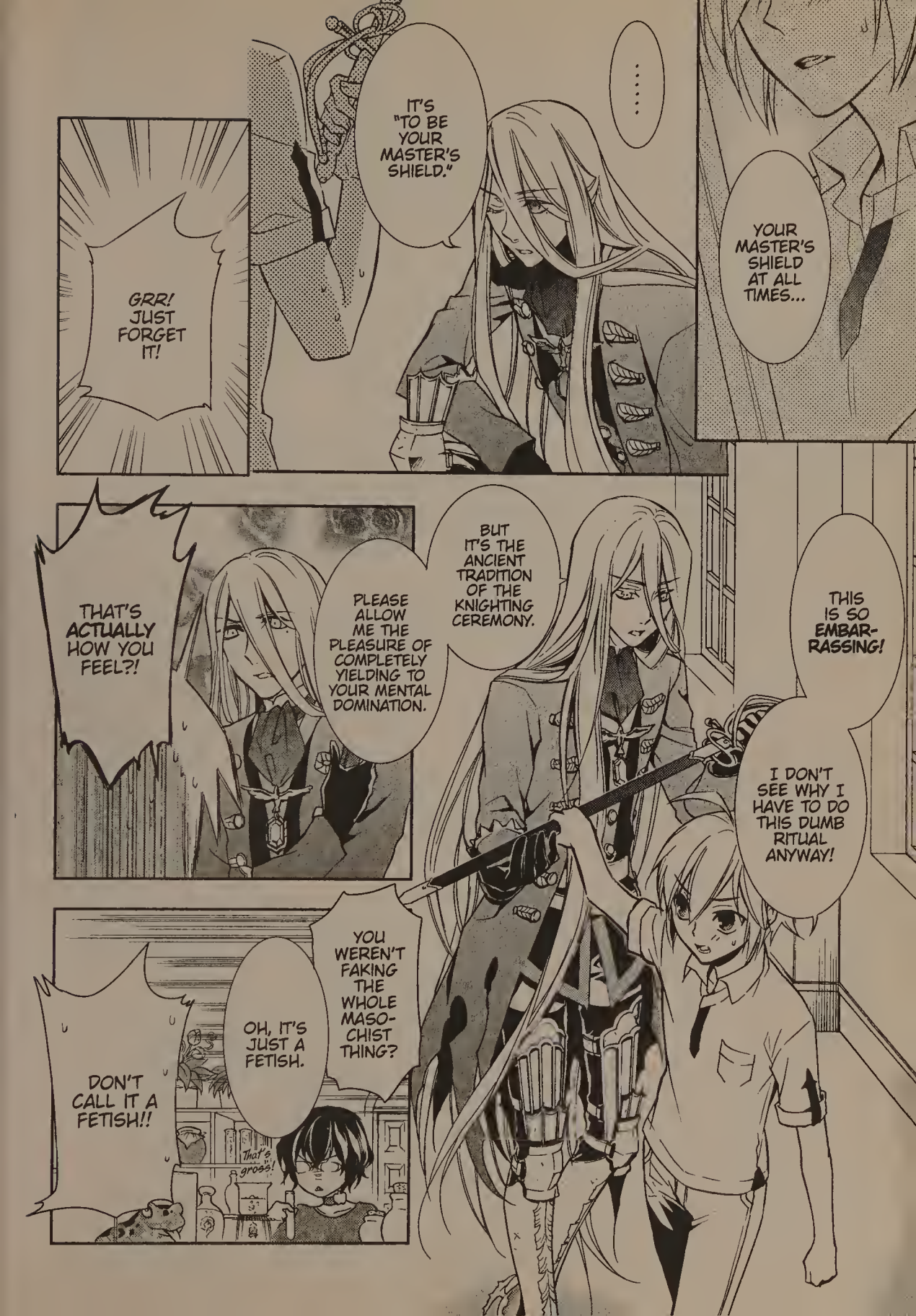

YOU HAVE GOOD FRIENDS.
SO YOU, TOO, WILL BOW YOUR HEAD AT TIMES.
YEAH.
THEY'RE PRETTY COOL.
YEAH... WELL, THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERY-THIN'.
"Lord Me"--
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOIN' TO DO?
AND YOU'RE NOT BOUND BY THAT STUPID AGREEMENT, OR WHAT-EVER.
THE CINDERELLA PAGE TO BIND YOU IS GONE.
YOU'VE GOT NO REASON TO FOLLOW ME NOW.
YOU DECIDE.

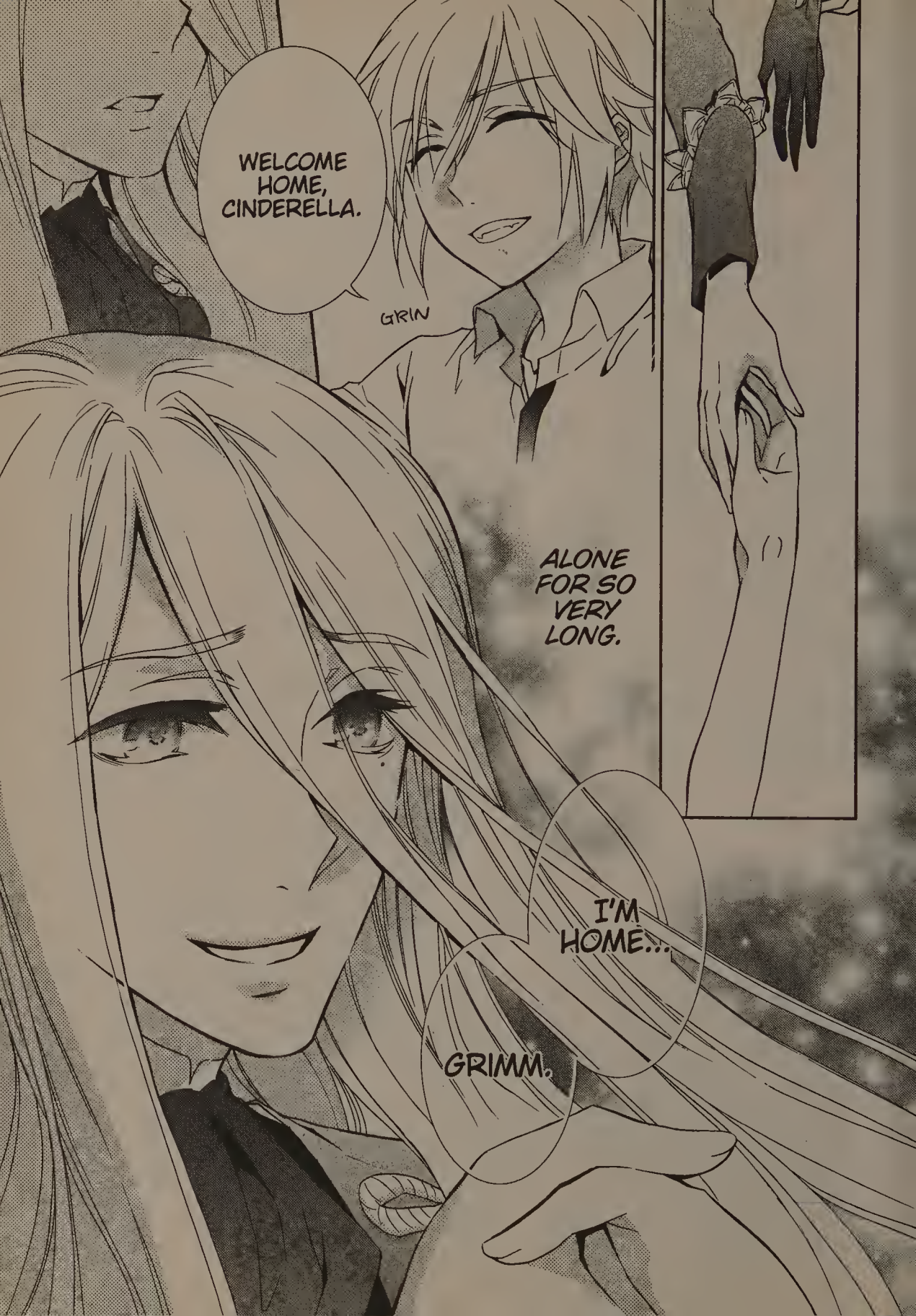

GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE. YOU NEED SOMEONE WITH BRAINS IN YOUR PARTY, AFTER ALL.
I'LL GIVE ALL THOSE MÄRCHEN DEMONS THE SHOULDER THROW!!
DON'T BOW DOWN LIKE THAT!!
IF I HELP YOU, YOU'LL GIVE ME MY POWERS BACK, RIGHT?
I'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWOOF, GRIMM!!
THANKS.


PLEASE MAKE ME YOURS.
DOMINE.
I DUB THEE KNIGHT.
TUK
FRIEND OF SINCERITY...
FOE OF INFIDELITY...


I...
I HATE THE MÄRCHEN DEMONS.
I WANT REVENGE.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE ME THAT.
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D DISTRUST ME, REGARDLESS OF WHAT I SAY NOW.
BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE YOU BEYOND THAT.
BUT I HOPE...
YOU WILL BE SO GOOD AS TO JUDGE FOR YOURSELF WHETHER OR NOT I AM WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST.


WHEN I WAS A KID...
HM?
JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
OH.
I LOVED IT WHEN MOM WOULD READ ME FAIRY TALES.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, SO...
I USED TO WISH THE PEOPLE IN THE FAIRY TALES REALLY EXISTED--
Mmph!
DON'T LAUGH! I SAID THIS WAS WHEN I WAS A KID!
I DO APOLOGIZE. BUT IT'S SO CUTE.
BESIDES, YOU ARE STILL A CHILD NOW.
QUIT NIT-PICKING!!
WELL, ANYWAY, YOU GUYS ARE A LOT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT YOU REALLY DO EXIST.
SO INSTEAD OF MASTER AND SERVANT...
UH...


YOUR MASTER'S SHIELD AT ALL TIMES...
.....
IT'S "TO BE YOUR MASTER'S SHIELD."
GRR! JUST FORGET IT!
THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING!
I DON'T SEE WHY I HAVE TO DO THIS DUMB RITUAL ANYWAY!
BUT IT'S THE ANCIENT TRADITION OF THE KNIGHTING CEREMONY.
PLEASE ALLOW ME THE PLEASURE OF COMPLETELY YIELDING TO YOUR MENTAL DOMINATION.
THAT'S ACTUALLY HOW YOU FEEL?!
YOU WEREN'T FAKING THE WHOLE MASO-CHIST THING?
OH, IT'S JUST A FETISH.
DON'T CALL IT A FETISH!!
That's gross!

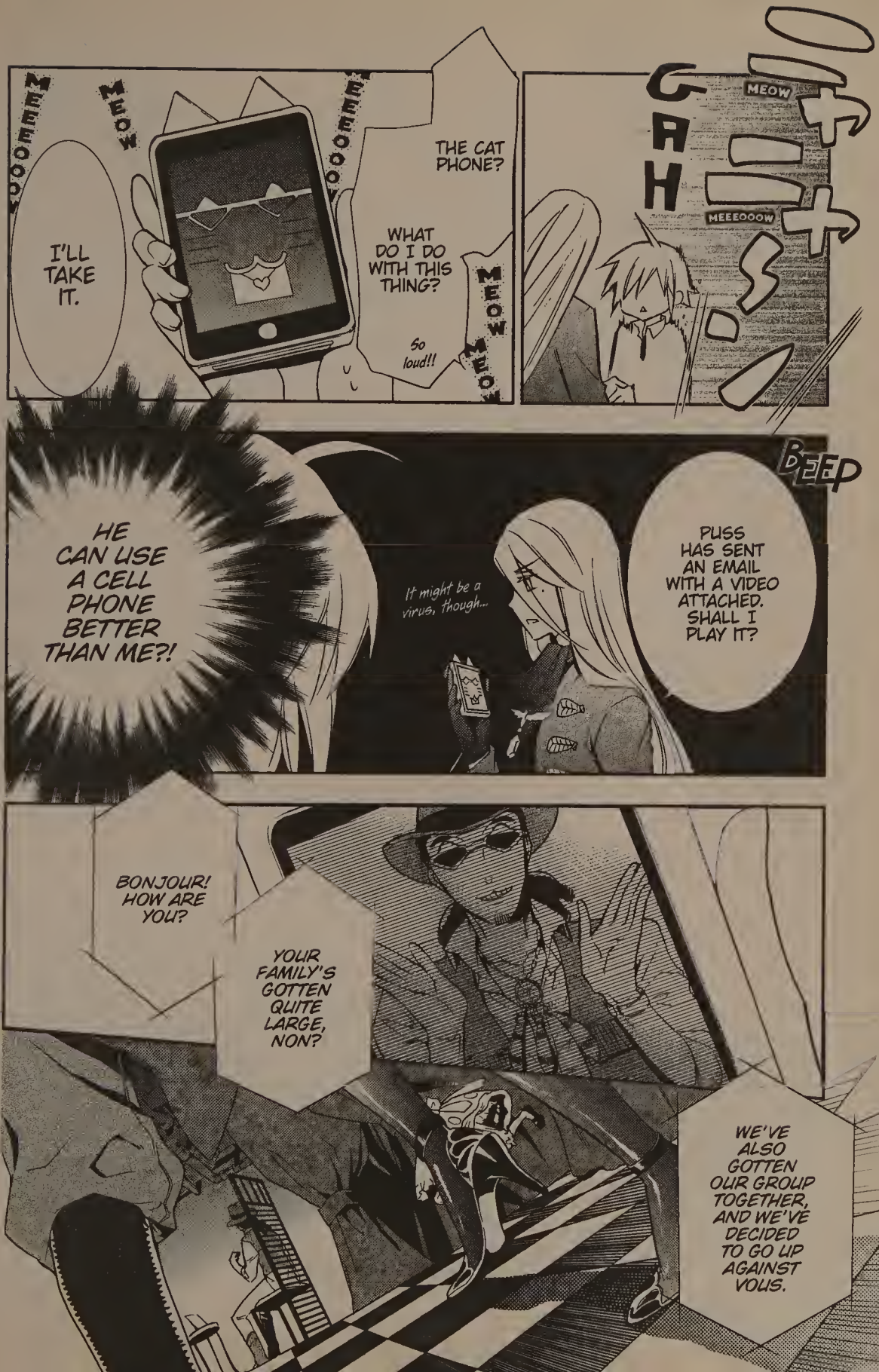

WELCOME HOME, CINDERELLA.
GRIN
ALONE FOR SO VERY LONG.
I'M HOME...
GRIMM.



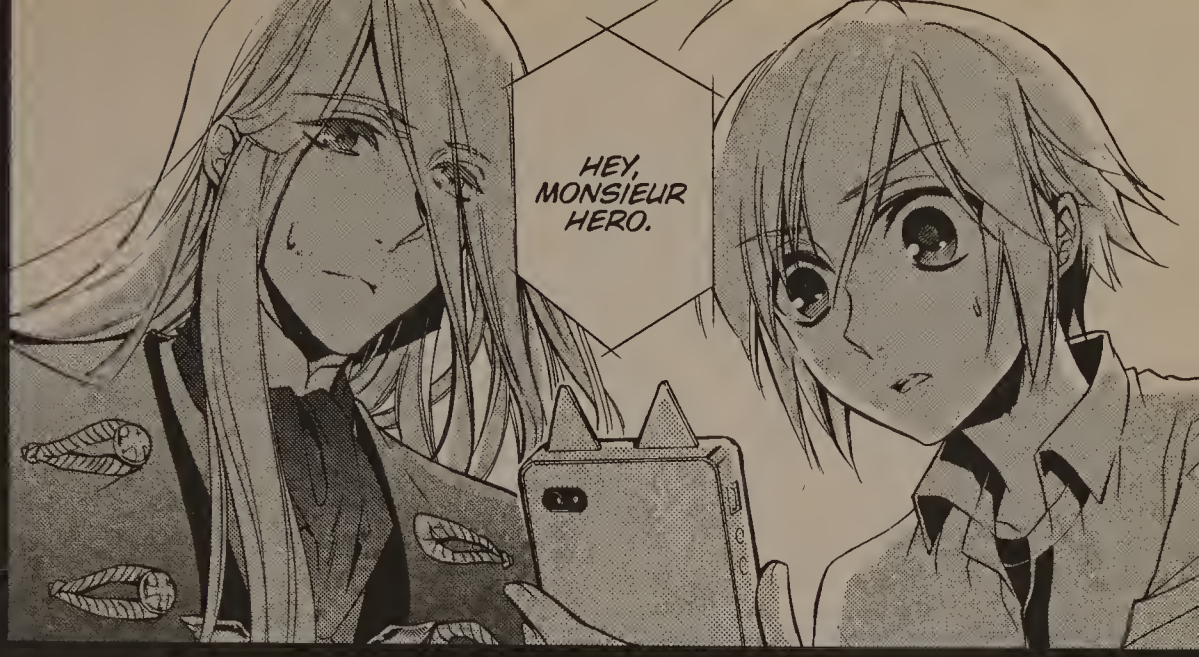

*I WAITED FOR YOU IN THE DARK HEARTH.*



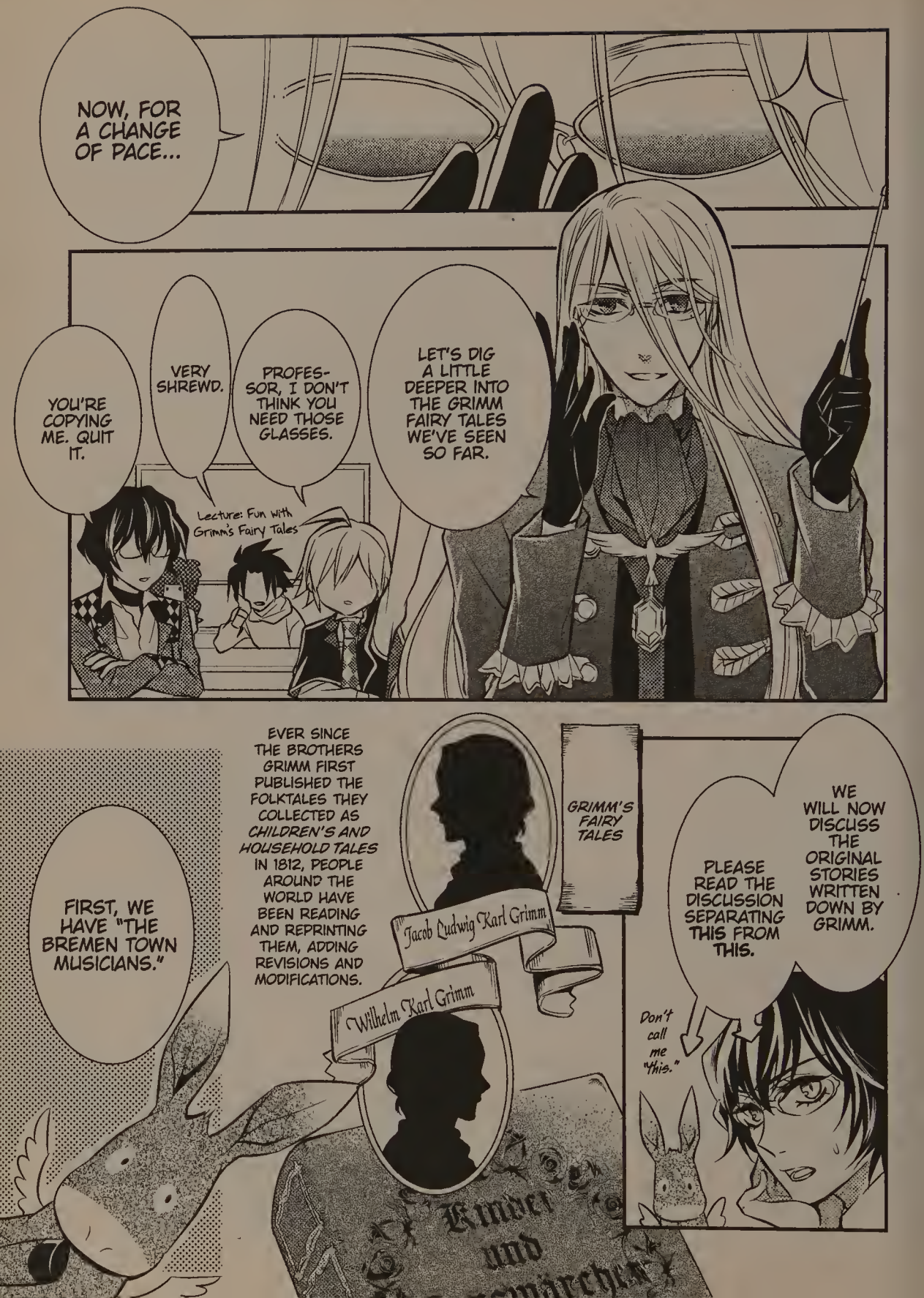

*Jäger is German for "hunter."


GAH
MEOW
MEEEOOOW
I'LL TAKE IT.
MEEEOOOW
MEOW
THE CAT PHONE?
WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS THING?
So loud!!
MEOW
MEOW
BEEP
PUSS HAS SENT AN EMAIL WITH A VIDEO ATTACHED. SHALL I PLAY IT?
It might be a virus, though...
HE CAN USE A CELL PHONE BETTER THAN ME?!
BONJOUR! HOW ARE YOU?
YOUR FAMILY'S GOTTEN QUITE LARGE, NON?
WE'VE ALSO GOTTEN OUR GROUP TOGETHER, AND WE'VE DECIDED TO GO UP AGAINST VOUS.

*To be continued...*



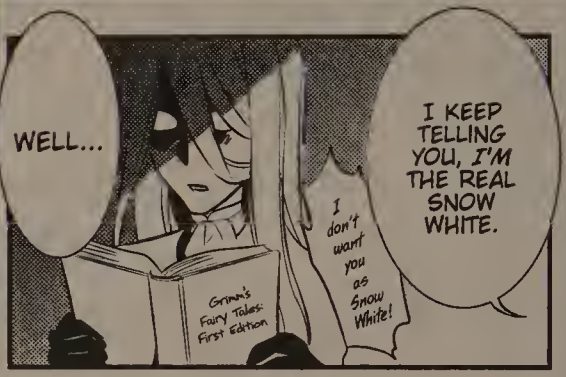

YOU SURE YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE?

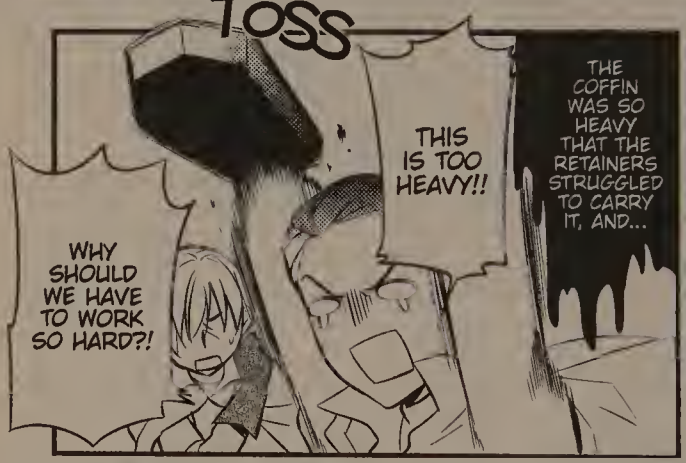

NOW, FOR A CHANGE OF PACE...
LET'S DIG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THE GRIMM FAIRY TALES WE'VE SEEN SO FAR.
PROFES-SOR, I DON'T THINK YOU NEED THOSE GLASSES.
VERY SHREWD.
YOU'RE COPYING ME. QUIT IT.
Lecture: Fun With Grimm's Fairy Tales
WE WILL NOW DISCUSS THE ORIGINAL STORIES WRITTEN DOWN BY GRIMM.
PLEASE READ THE DISCUSSION SEPARATING THIS FROM THIS.
Don't call me "this."
GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES
EVER SINCE THE BROTHERS GRIMM FIRST PUBLISHED THE FOLKTALES THEY COLLECTED AS CHILDREN'S AND HOUSEHOLD TALES IN 1812, PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN READING AND REPRINTING THEM, ADDING REVISIONS AND MODIFICATIONS.
Jacob Ludwig Karl Grimm
Wilhelm Karl Grimm
FIRST, WE HAVE "THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS."

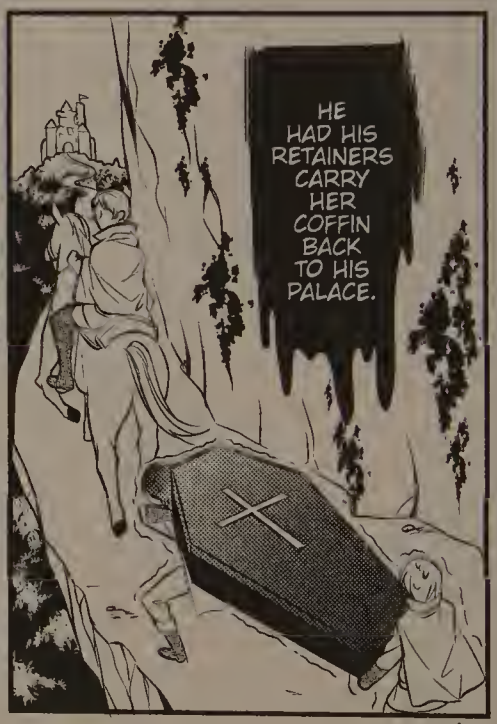

Bonus comic
Grimm Theatre for Good Children
SO YOU SEE...
THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS YOU'LL MEET A TERRIBLE END IF YOU TRUST PEOPLE TOO EASILY!
Wonderful, wonderful!
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO BLUNT!!
It's not wonderful!!
IN GENERAL, THINGS NEVER HAPPEN THIS SIMPLY, DO THEY?
SUDDENLY GETTING AMAZING POWERS.
GETTING AN OBEDIENT MAN-SERVANT.
WHAM
WHAM
GOOD CHILDREN ALWAYS LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE TELL THEM, DON'T THEY?
OTOGI, IS IT OKAY IF I HIT HIM?
DON'T BOTHER. HE'D JUST ENJOY IT.

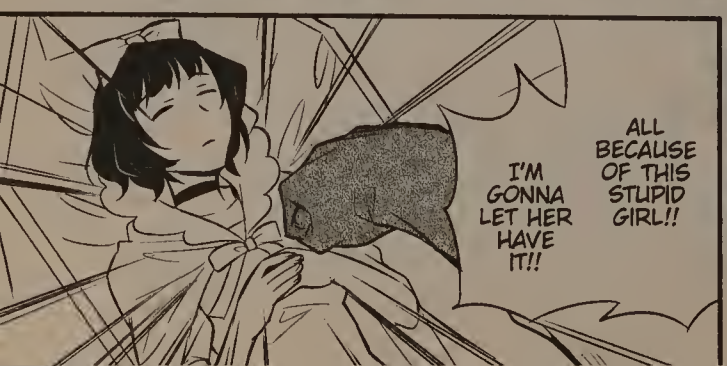

THE PRINCE FELL IN LOVE WITH SNOW WHITE'S CORPSE.
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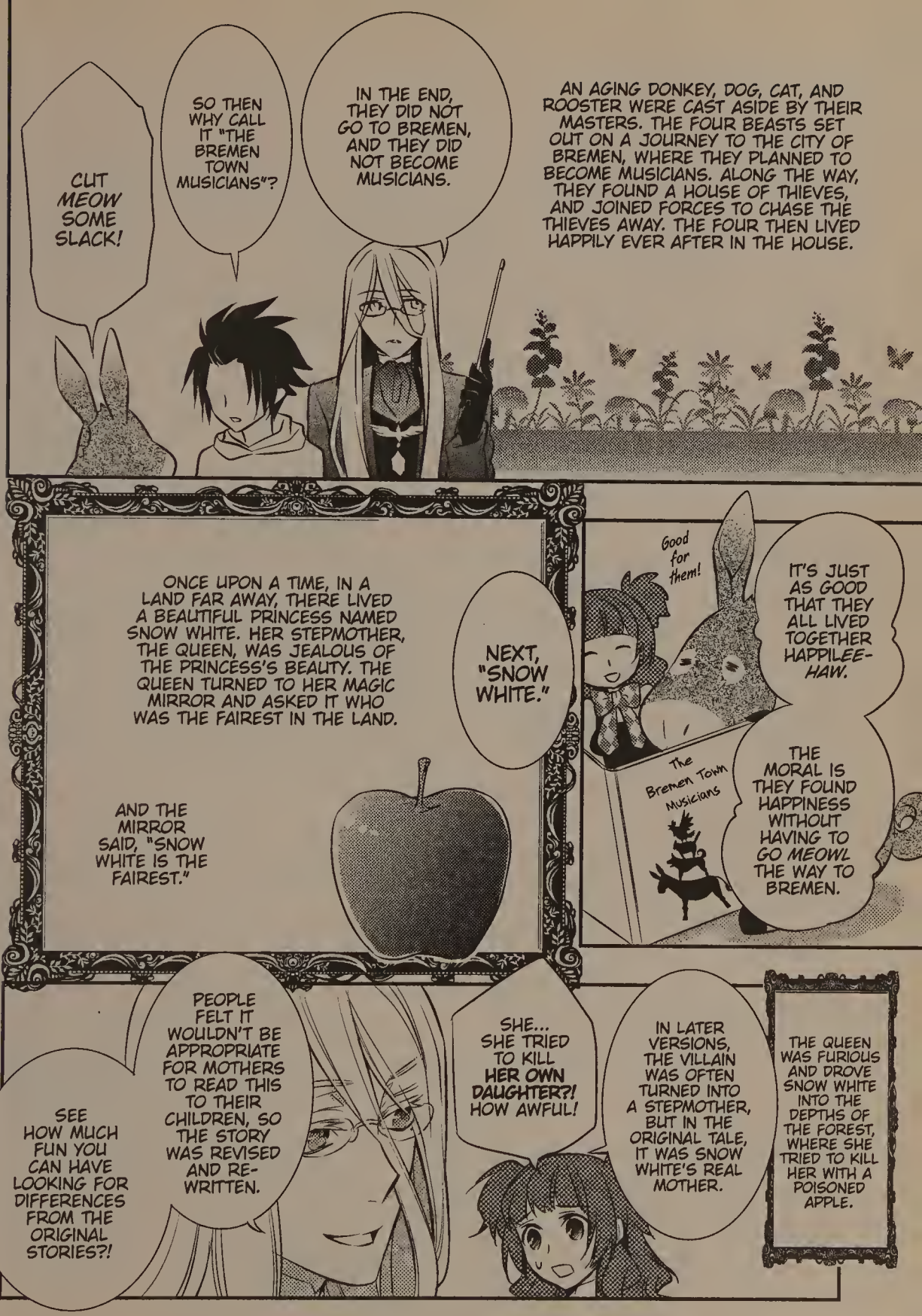

BUT THERE'S STILL THE KISS, RIGHT?
THE REAL SNOW WHITE WAKES UP AT THE KISS OF HER WONDERFUL PRINCE... SO ROMANTIC!
Hmph!


WELL...
I KEEP TELLING YOU, I'M THE REAL SNOW WHITE.
I don't want you as Snow White!
Grimm's Fairy Tales: First Edition

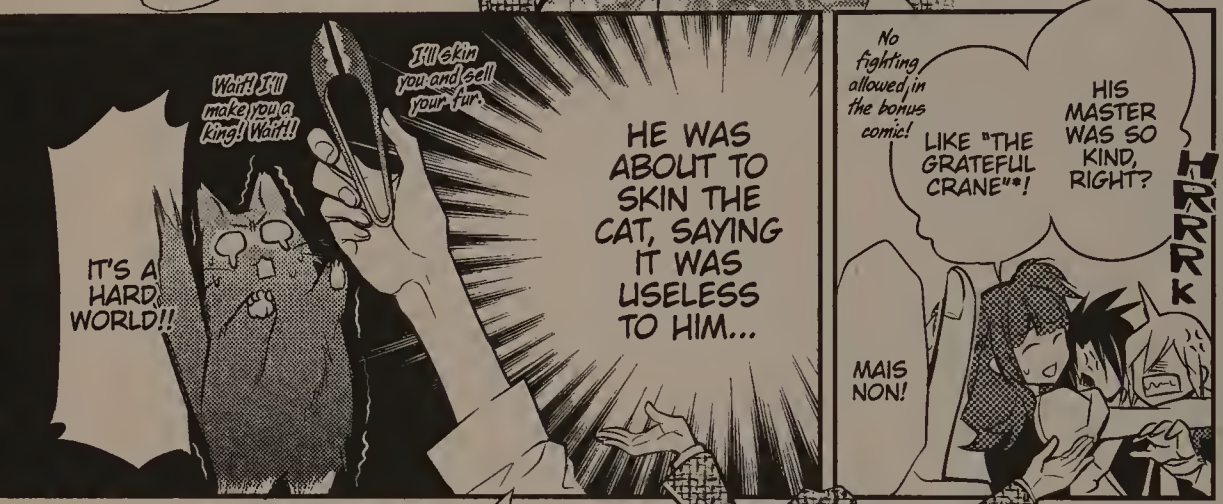

Toss
THE COFFIN WAS SO HEAVY THAT THE RETAINERS STRUGGLED TO CARRY IT, AND...
THIS IS TOO HEAVY!!
WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO WORK SO HARD?!


HE HAD HIS RETAINERS CARRY HER COFFIN BACK TO HIS PALACE.

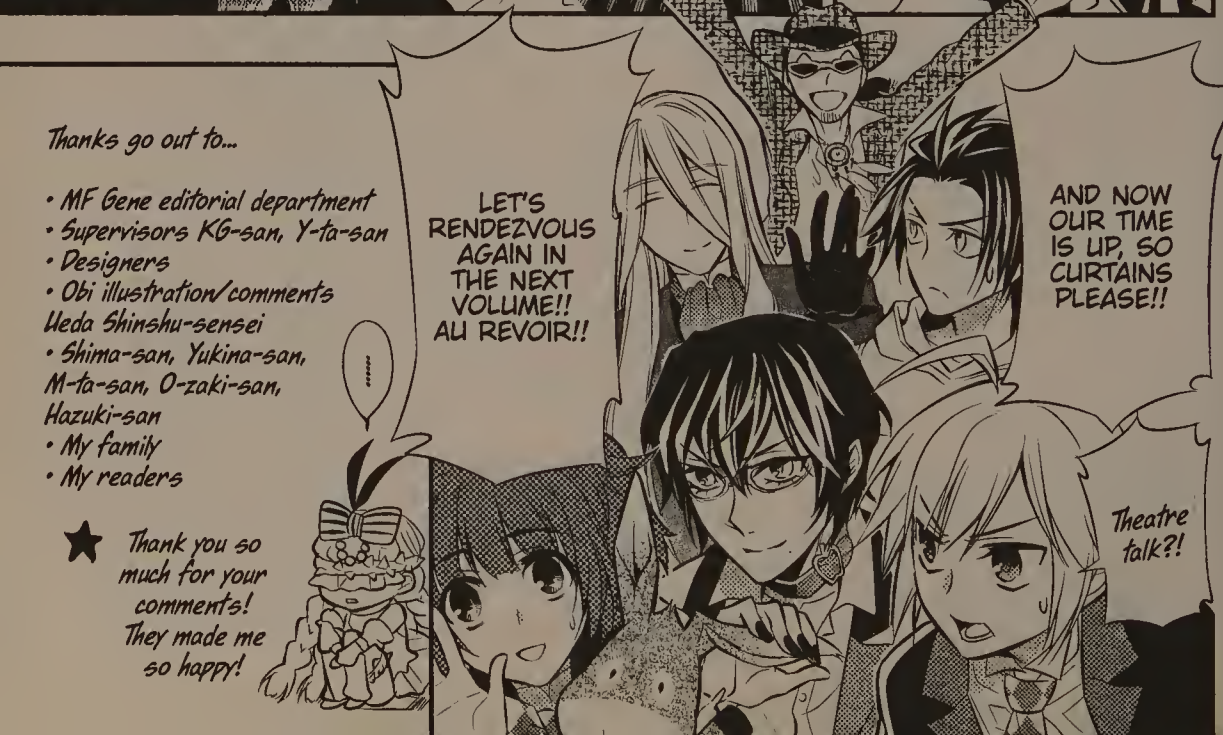

ALL BECAUSE OF THIS STUPID GIRL!!
I'M GONNA LET HER HAVE IT!!


AN AGING DONKEY, DOG, CAT, AND ROOSTER WERE CAST ASIDE BY THEIR MASTERS. THE FOUR BEASTS SET OUT ON A JOURNEY TO THE CITY OF BREMEN, WHERE THEY PLANNED TO BECOME MUSICIANS. ALONG THE WAY, THEY FOUND A HOUSE OF THIEVES, AND JOINED FORCES TO CHASE THE THIEVES AWAY. THE FOUR THEN LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN THE HOUSE.
IN THE END, THEY DID NOT GO TO BREMEN, AND THEY DID NOT BECOME MUSICIANS.
SO THEN WHY CALL IT "THE BREMEN TOWN MUSICIANS"?
CUT MEOW SOME SLACK!
ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A LAND FAR AWAY, THERE LIVED A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS NAMED SNOW WHITE. HER STEPMOTHER, THE QUEEN, WAS JEALOUS OF THE PRINCESS'S BEAUTY. THE QUEEN TURNED TO HER MAGIC MIRROR AND ASKED IT WHO WAS THE FAIREST IN THE LAND.
AND THE MIRROR SAID, "SNOW WHITE IS THE FAIREST."
NEXT, "SNOW WHITE."
Good for them!
IT'S JUST AS GOOD THAT THEY ALL LIVED TOGETHER HAPPILEE-HAW.
The Bremen Town Musicians
THE MORAL IS THEY FOUND HAPPINESS WITHOUT HAVING TO GO MEOW! THE WAY TO BREMEN.
THE QUEEN WAS FURIOUS AND DROVE SNOW WHITE INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST, WHERE SHE TRIED TO KILL HER WITH A POISONED APPLE.
IN LATER VERSIONS, THE VILLAIN WAS OFTEN TURNED INTO A STEPMOTHER, BUT IN THE ORIGINAL TALE, IT WAS SNOW WHITE'S REAL MOTHER.
SHE... SHE TRIED TO KILL HER OWN DAUGHTER?! HOW AWFUL!
PEOPLE FELT IT WOULDN'T BE APPROPRIATE FOR MOTHERS TO READ THIS TO THEIR CHILDREN, SO THE STORY WAS REVISED AND RE-WRITTEN.
SEE HOW MUCH FUN YOU CAN HAVE LOOKING FOR DIFFERENCES FROM THE ORIGINAL STORIES?!




*A Japanese folktale which tells the story of a man rescuing a crane from a trap and how that crane repays the favor.




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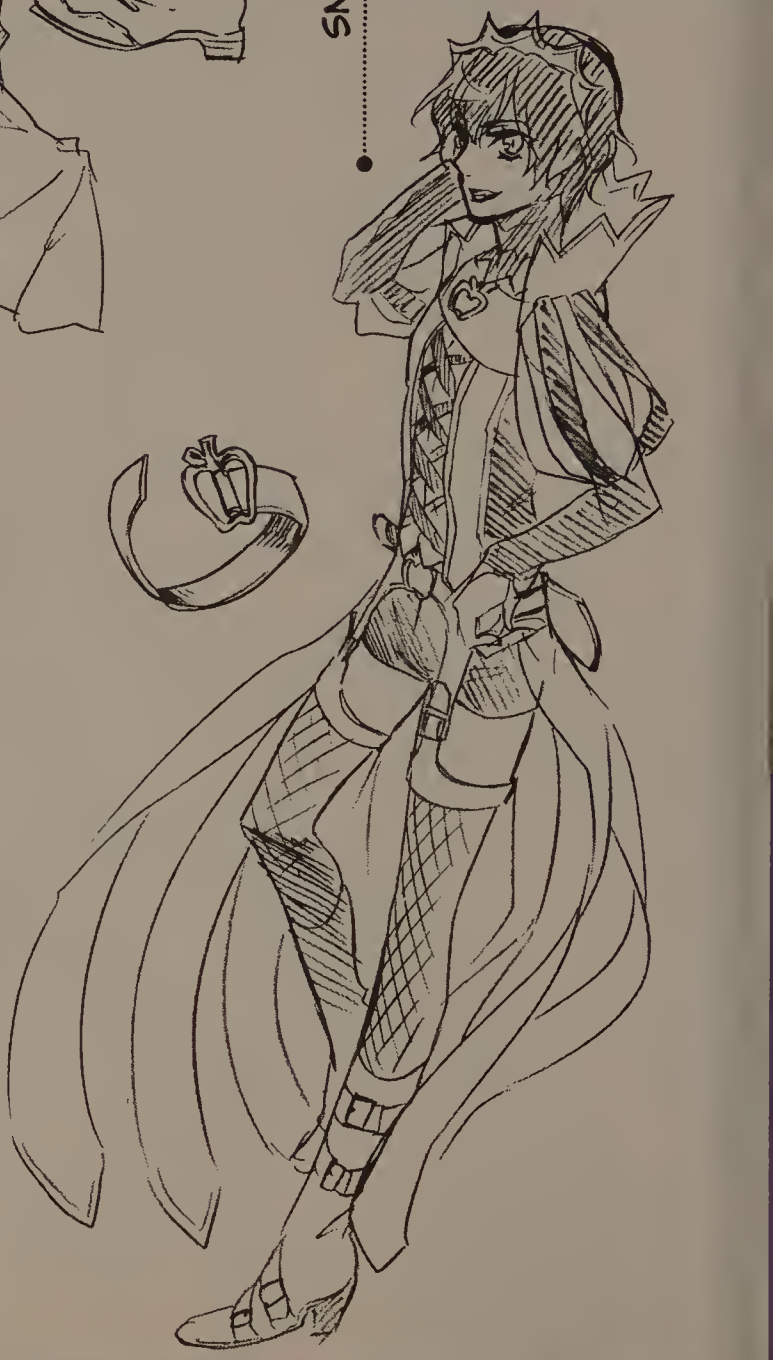
★ *Thank you so much for your comments! They made me so happy!*


AAAAAAAH!!
From Hell
THE BLOW CAUSED THE POISONED APPLE TO FLY OUT OF HER MOUTH, AND SNOW WHITE CAME BACK TO LIFE.
GRH
THUMP
THAT'S AWFUL!! THAT'S NOT ROMANTIC AT ALL!!
AND I TOLD YOU IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
THAT'S JUST THE FIRST PRINTING! HONESTLY!!
LET'S HEAR THE STORY BEHIND "CINDERELLA."
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK-- YOUR UP-BRINGING WAS WAY WORSE THAN THAT.
Sicko.
IN THIS WAY, CONTENT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A CHILD'S UPBRINGING WAS BOWDLERIZED (VOLUNTARILY OMITTED).



PUSS IN BOOTS

**STAGE NAME:** NEKOTA YOZO
**AGE:** ? (LOOKS TO BE 32)
**BIRTHDAY:** ??
**BLOOD TYPE:** ??
**HEIGHT:** 177CM
**WEIGHT:** 62KG
**LIKES:** ???
**DISLIKES:** ???
**HOBBIES:** LISTENING TO MUSIC (ANY GENRE)
**SPECIAL SKILLS:** PRODUCING



SNOW WHITE

**AGE:** ? (LOOKS TO BE 17)
**BIRTHDAY:** ??
**BLOOD TYPE:** ??
**HEIGHT:** 174CM
**WEIGHT:** 54KG
**LIKES:** HIMSELF, BEAUTIFUL THINGS
**DISLIKES:** MIRRORS, UGLY THINGS
**HOBBIES:** IMPROVING HIMSELF
**SPECIAL SKILLS:** POISON MAKING

# CHARACTERS



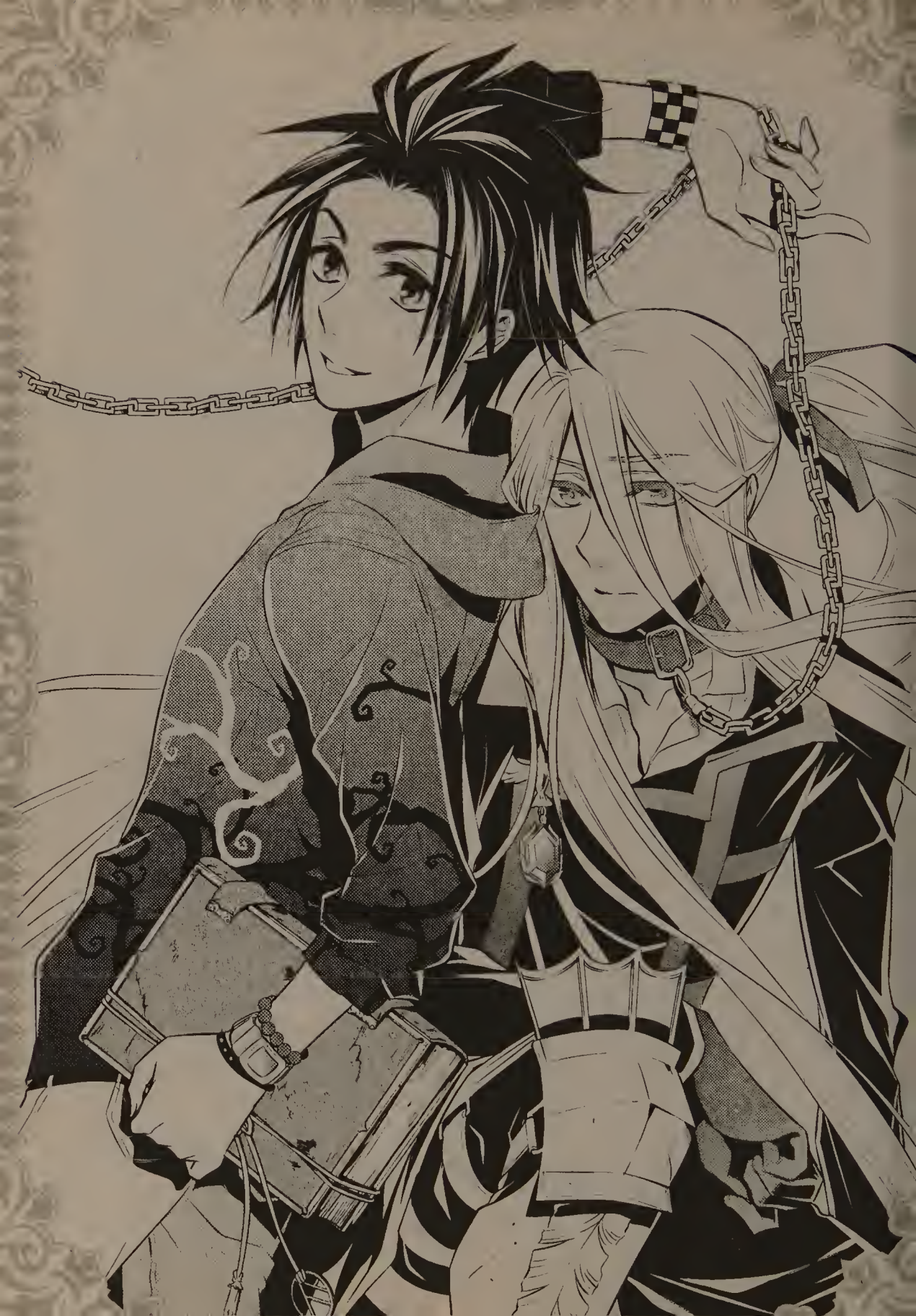
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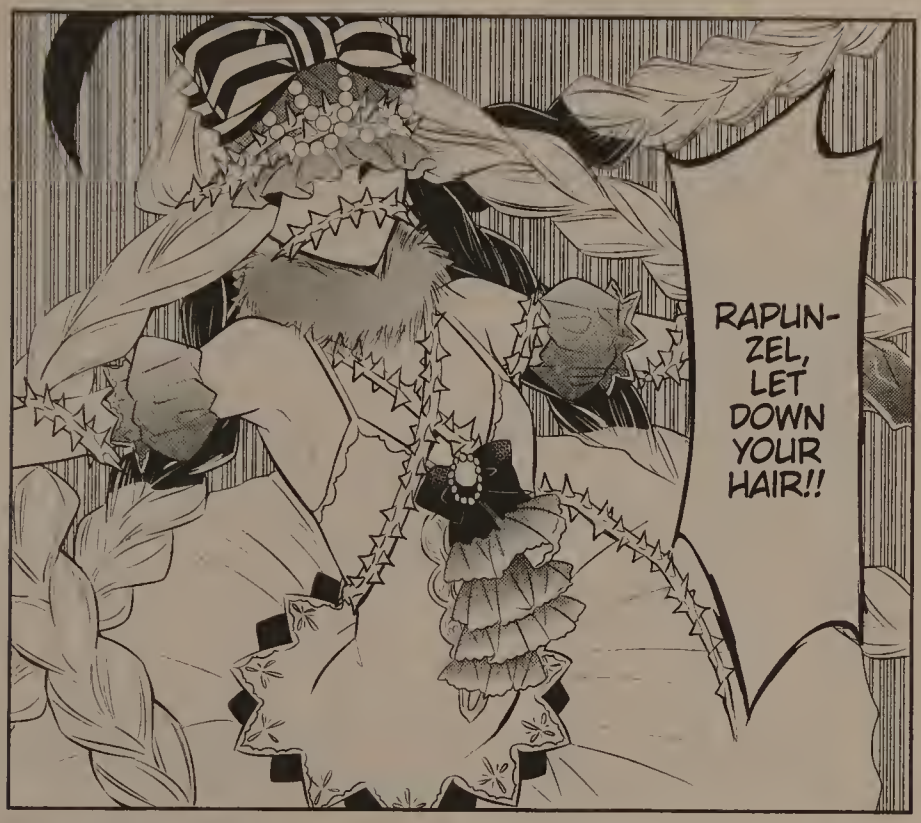
**AGE:** 14
**BIRTHDAY:** MAY 13
**BLOOD TYPE:** O
**HEIGHT:** 164CM
**WEIGHT:** NOT TELLING!!
**LIKES:** STUFFED ANIMALS, CUTE ACCESSORIES
**DISLIKES:** SCARY STORIES, BUGS, REPTILES
**HOBBIES:** COLLECTING STUFFED ANIMALS
**SPECIAL SKILLS:** JUDO



## SORIMACHI YUMA

**AGE:** 13
**BIRTHDAY:** OCTOBER 25
**BLOOD TYPE:** AB
**HEIGHT:** 168CM
**WEIGHT:** 52KG
**LIKES:** STUDYING
**DISLIKES:** PEOPLE WITH NO AMBITION
**HOBBIES:** READING (RECORDS OF THE THREE KINGDOMS, STRATEGY BOOKS)
**SPECIAL SKILLS:** SHOGI









SNOW WHITE: "WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?"
CINDERELLA: "GO AHEAD AND ASK HER SEX."








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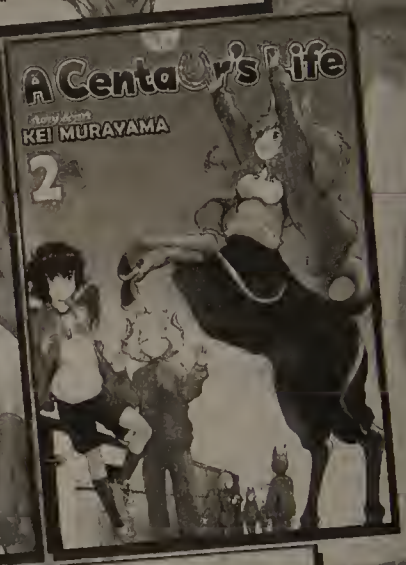


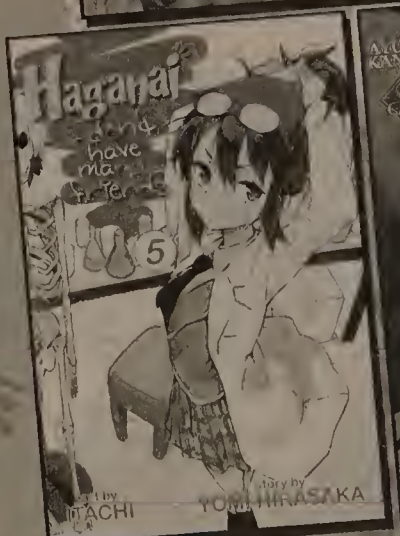


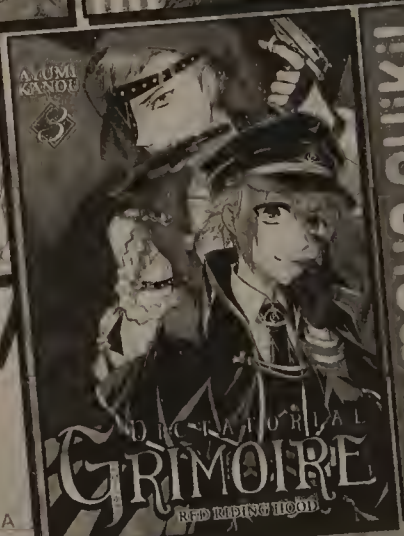










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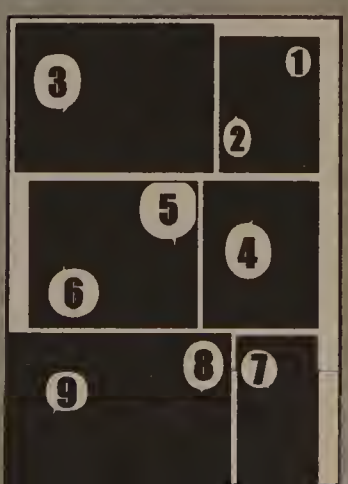
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